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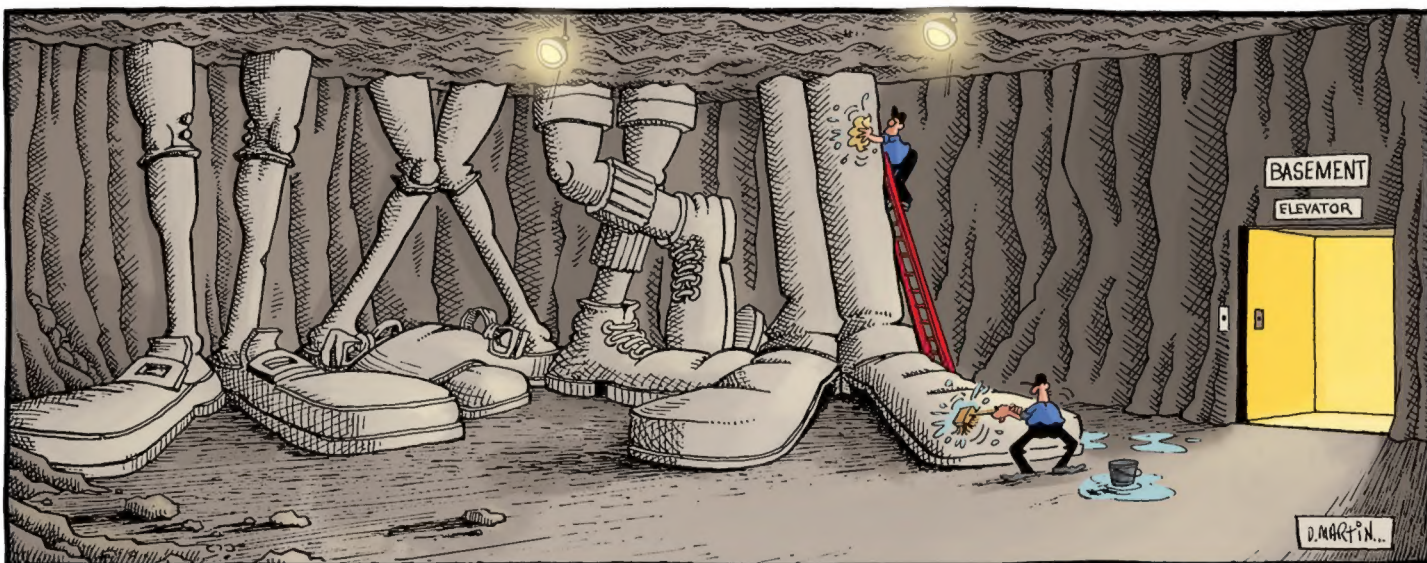
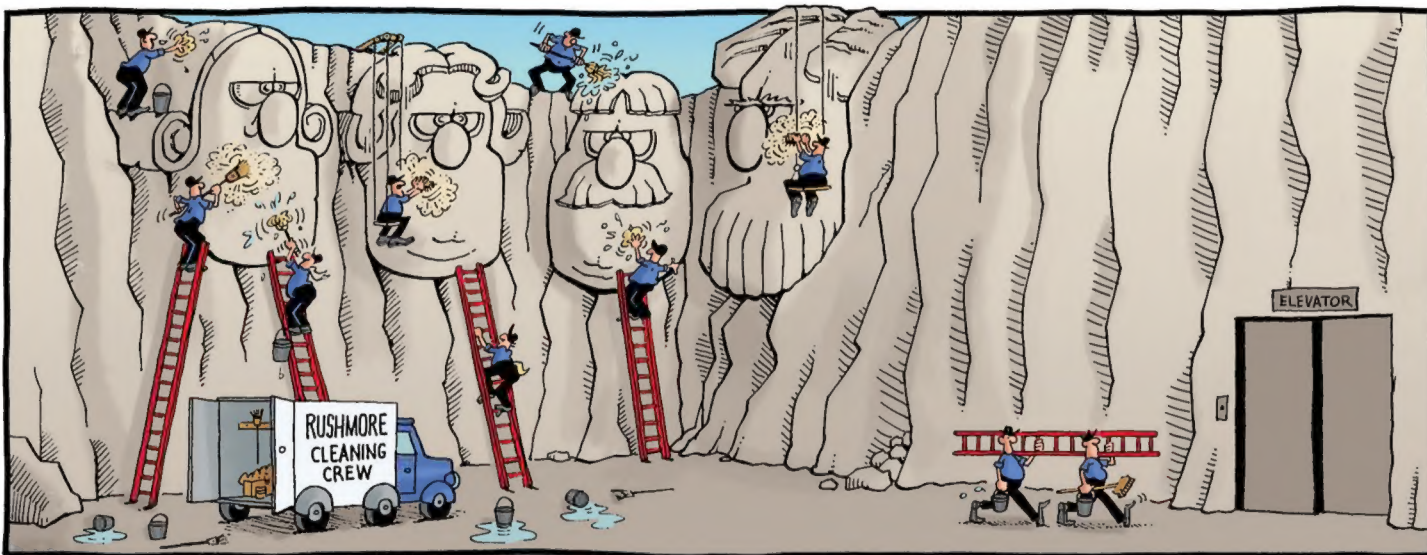
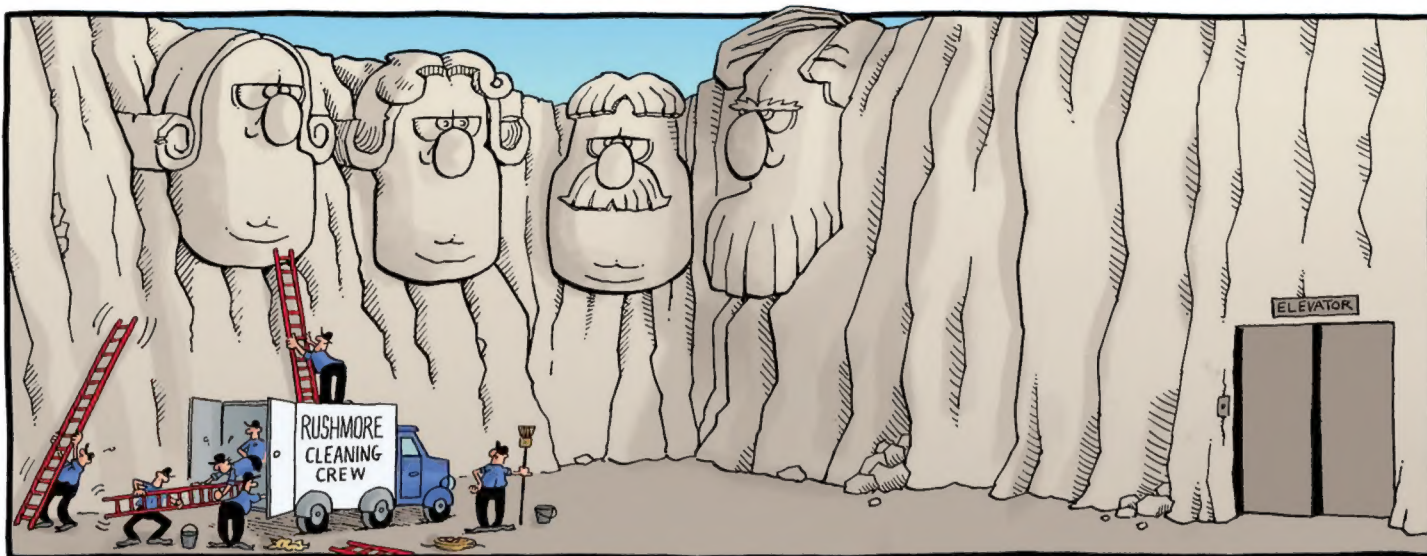
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# ONE DAY AT MOUNT RUSHMORE







There's a new hit show on TV that takes place on a lush tropical island. People (mostly ABC stars) visit this remote paradise in order to live out their secret desires and unfulfilled fantasies. Sounds like a great idea for a series, right? Wrong...unless you happen to be the Network Executive whose secret fantasy was to come up with the most ridiculous show to hit TV since "My Mother—the Car." In which case, your fantasy is being fulfilled weekly with this idiocy called . . .

# FANTASY "BUY" LAND

Ratchew . . . what do you think you're doing . . . ?

I'm living out my "leather" fantasy, Boss! You know, short people have fantasies, too!!

I'm sure they do! But that kind of fantasy, unfortunately, cannot be shown on TV . . . or in this magazine!

Too bad! It would do wonders for our ratings!

Never mind! Go and get dressed now! The PLANE is coming . . .

Who are our guests going to be, Boss?

Mr. Shorn Chastity, a student, who's always dreamed of being a "Gunfighter", and Miss Fairer Faucet Minors, the famous poster girl and TV sex symbol . . . !

I hope her fantasy is to make out with a suave, handsome . . . very short-in-stature Frenchman!



WRITER LOU SILVERSTONE ARTIST ANGELO TORRES

Sorry, Ratchew, but Miss Minors fantasy is a Cinderella Story in reverse! She dreams of escaping the spotlight and living like a plain, everyday person! She's going to work here as a Waitress!

A WAITRESS? I like my idea much better!

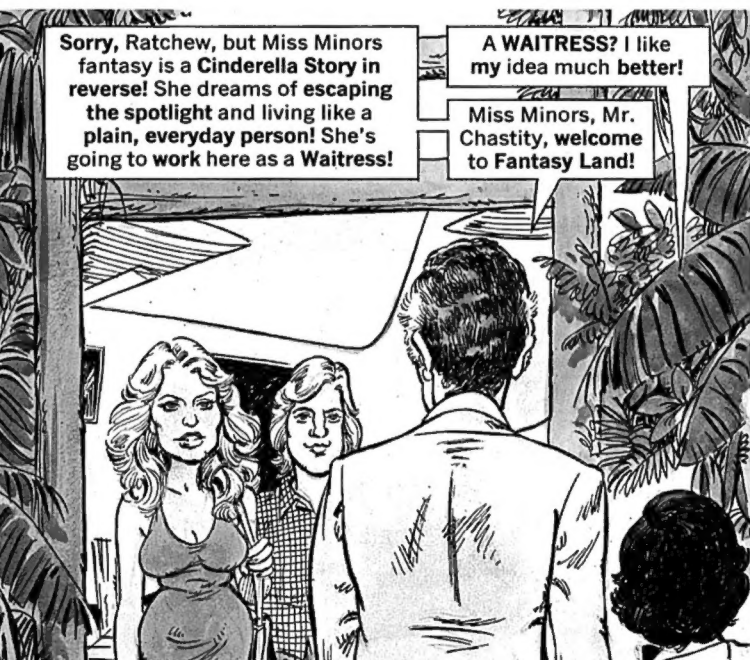
Miss Minors, Mr. Chastity, welcome to Fantasy Land!

First, Fairer, we have to deglamorize you so you look like a typical resort hotel Waitress!

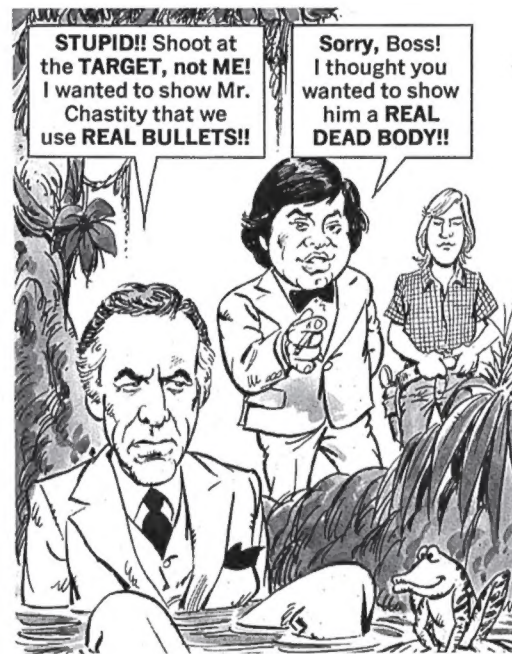
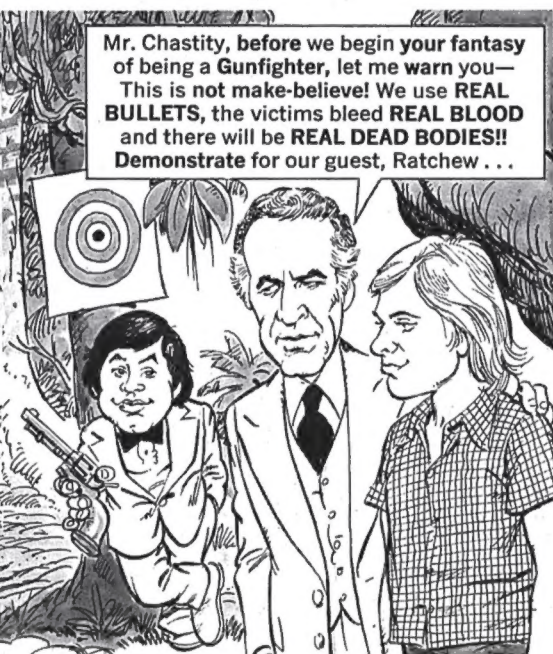
Boss, it would be a lot easier to pass me off as a Center in the N.B.A.!

You forget, Ratchew . . . this is Fantasy Land! And here—ANYTHING is possible!!

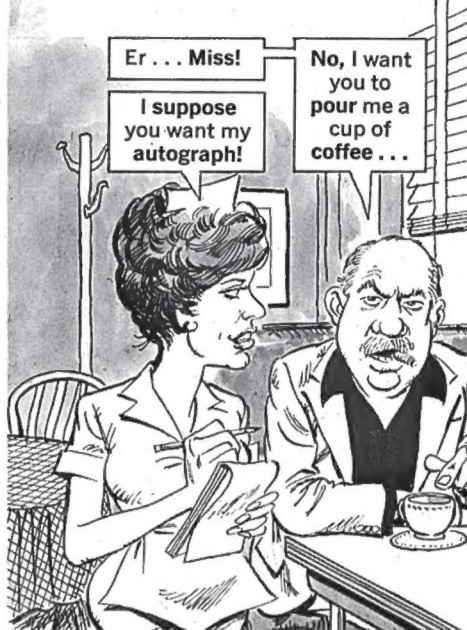
Now, let's see . . . a new hairdo . . . a pair of sensible, flat walking shoes . . . and a bra! That should do it!!











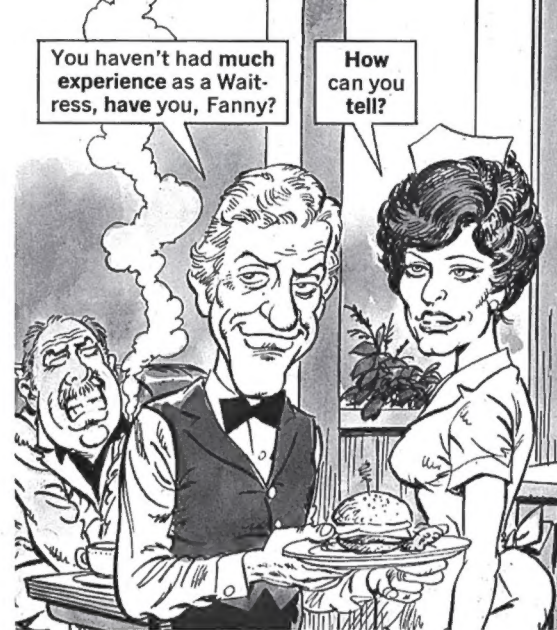
Er... Miss!

I suppose you want my autograph!

No, I want you to pour me a cup of coffee...



AIEEEEE!!



You haven't had much experience as a Waitress, have you, Fanny?

How can you tell?

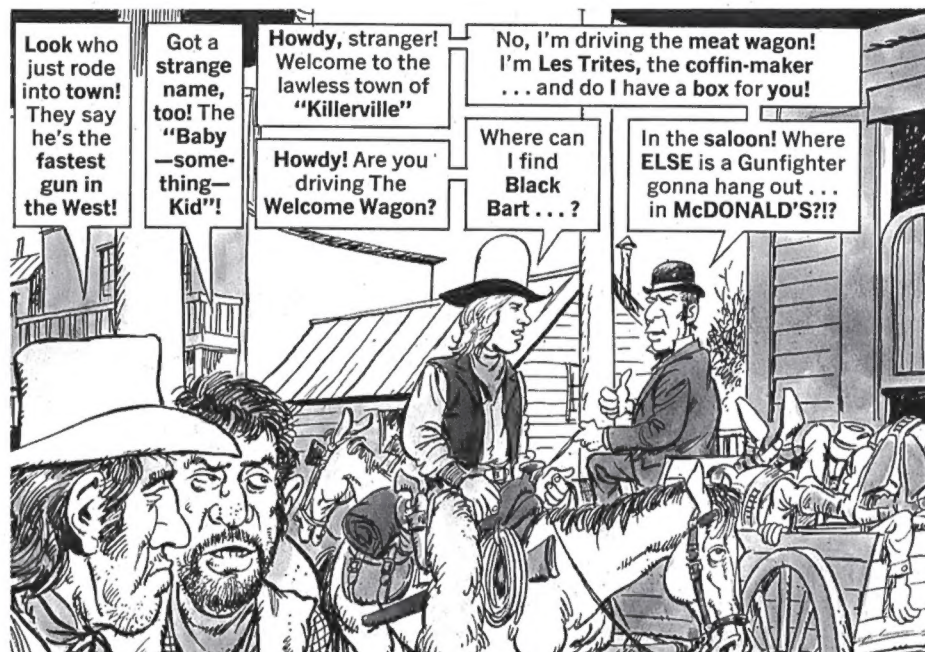


I ordered Ratchew to circulate a story that you're the fastest gun in the West, the notorious "Baby Face Kid"...!

"Baby FACE"?!! Er—I'm afraid I goofed, Boss! I got the "Baby" right!

Can't you get ANYTHING straight?!!

I'm sorry, Boss! But I don't get to see people's **FACES** very often! I always see life from a different perspective!!



Look who just rode into town! They say he's the fastest gun in the West!

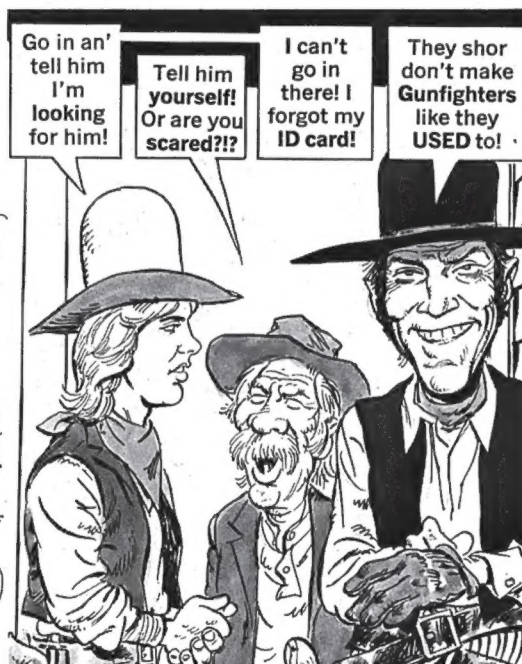
Got a strange name, too! The "Baby—something—Kid"!

Howdy, stranger! Welcome to the lawless town of "Killerville"

No, I'm driving the meat wagon! I'm Les Trites, the coffin-maker ... and do I have a box for you!

Where can I find Black Bart ... ?

In the saloon! Where ELSE is a Gunfighter gonna hang out ... in McDONALD'S?!!



Go in an' tell him I'm looking for him!

Tell him yourself! Or are you scared?!!

I can't go in there! I forgot my ID card!

They shor don't make Gunfighters like they USED to!



Excuse me ... are you Black Bart ... the infamous gun-fighter?

No, I'm dressed like this for Trick-Or-Treat! Of course, I'm Black Bart! Who are you, stranger?

"Baby FACE"?!! I heard they call you something else!

Okay, Kid! Let's see how fast you really are!

I got ten bucks that says Bart will take him!

You're on! And I got another ten that says that on this suspenseful note, we will now break for five or six commercials!

They call me "The Baby Face Kid"...

That @#\$%& Ratchew!!



Fanny, we've known each other only a few days, and I've grown very fond of you! But I have a confession to make! I'm—I'm not really a Waiter . . . !

I know! You're a Prince . . . or a rich Playboy . . . and you wanted to see how the other half lives!

If I were rich, why would I want to do a dumb thing like waiting on tables?

No, I'm a Good Humor Man! I work as a Waiter in the off-season!

I've got a confession to make, too, Dyke! My . . . my name isn't Fanny! It's Fairer Faucet Minors!

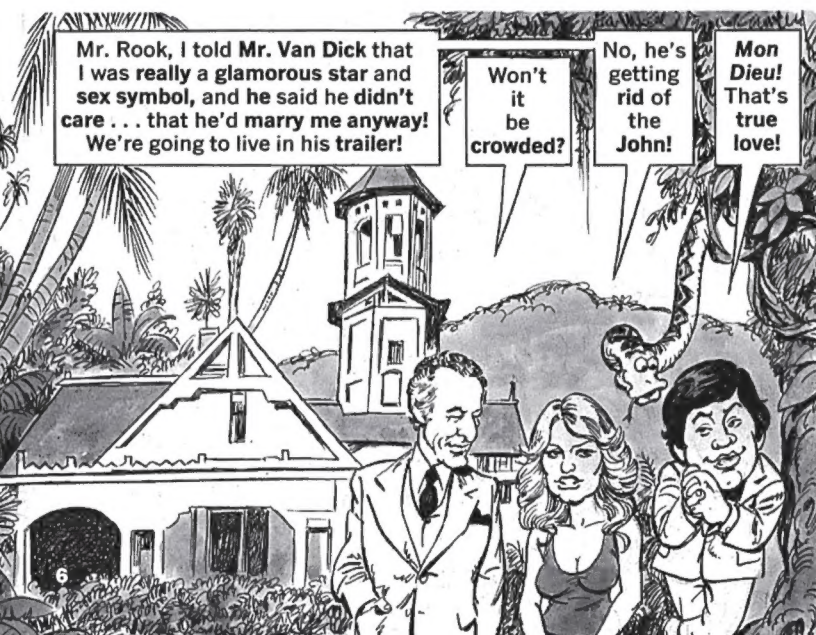
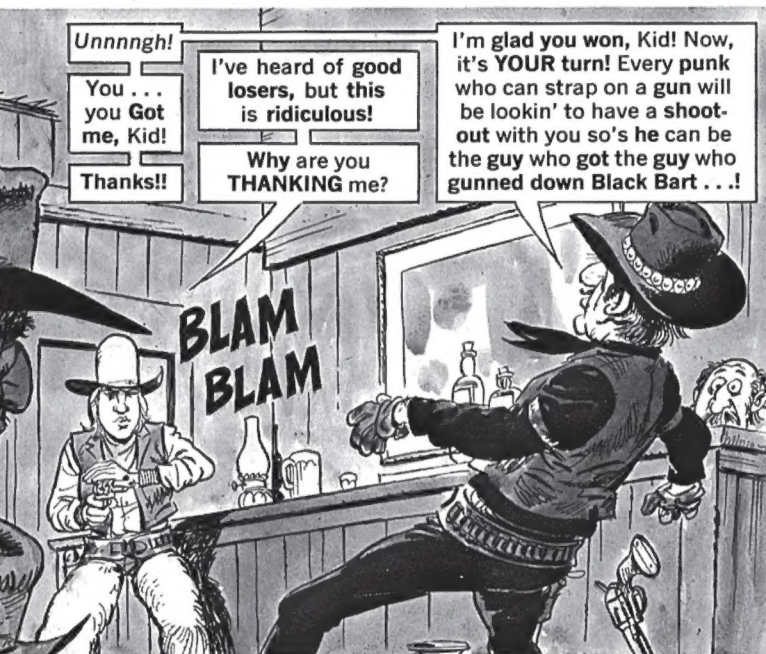
Yeah, yeah! So get to the good part . . . !

I SAID I'm Fairer Faucet Minors!!

That's it?!? That's the whole thing?!? You lied about your name?!? That's even duller than my Good Humor Man confession!

You—you don't know who I am?? Don't you have a TV set . . . ?!?

No, I live in a trailer and there's not much space! So I had to make a choice between a "TV" and a "John"!



Just think! No more photographers, no more auto-graph hounds, no more gropers! From now on, I'll be able to go to the Supermarket with my hair in curlers . . . drink beer out of a can . . . and play the pinball machine in the candy store! I'm—I'm so excited! My whole life will be a—a fantasy!!

Are you sure that's what you really want, Fairer?

Of course, Mr. Rook! Doesn't everybody?!?





Who—who is that?

The Bartender! He was taking his pad out of his pocket to write my check, and I thought he was drawing on me!

Mr. Rook! I want out of my fantasy! I can't even walk down the street without somebody challenging me to a gunfight!!

I'm sorry, Mr. Chastity, but according to The Code of the West, a Gunfighter is NOT ALLOWED to quit!

Can't quit...?! No wonder there are no French Gun-fighters!

I have an idea! You can LOSE a gunfight... and then you'll be off the hook!

Yeah... and I'll ALSO be dead!!

No... Ratchew will put blanks in your opponent's gun, Mr. Chastity! You will only pretend to be shot! Er... Ratchew, where are you going?

To put a bet on the gunfight! I think I finally got a sure thing!!



Like many of our stories, this one, too, has a moral, Ratchew! And it will be a very valuable lesson for Mr. Chastity!

I think you're right, Boss!



Don't you think he's overdoing this death scene?

He's NOT ACTING, Boss! I put the blanks in HIS gun by mistake!



I feel terrible! Mr. Chastity was the first guest we ever lost!

You win some, you lose some, Boss! Nobody's perfect!



Boss, I just can't believe that a sexy, gorgeous creature like that would choose to be a middle-class housewife!

Ratchew, you have to remember that our audience is made up of average people who sit home on Saturday night and watch TV! When they see stories like this, they think their dull life style is preferable to that of the beautiful people of the jet set!

Now I know why they call this Fantasy Land!



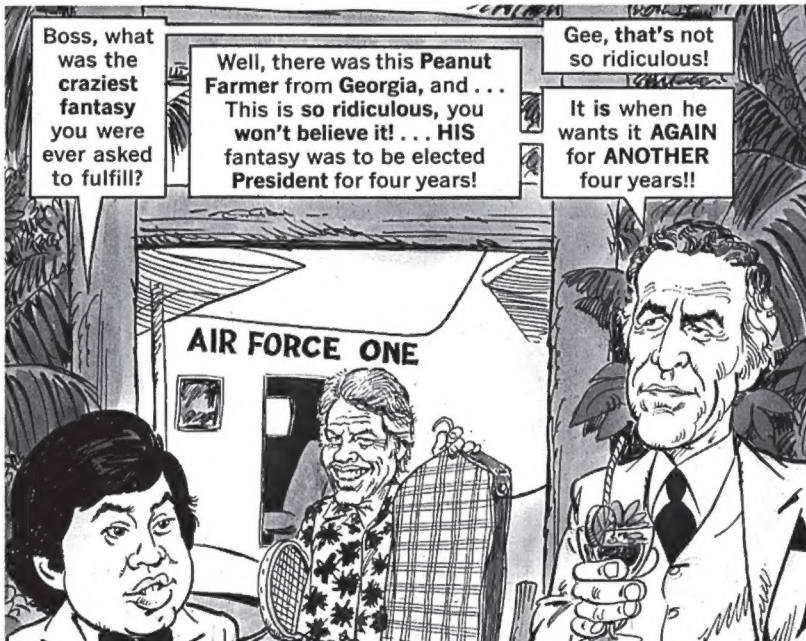
Boss, what was the craziest fantasy you were ever asked to fulfill?

Well, there was this Peanut Farmer from Georgia, and... This is so ridiculous, you won't believe it!... HIS fantasy was to be elected President for four years!

Gee, that's not so ridiculous!

It is when he wants it AGAIN for ANOTHER four years!!

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# THE TOURIST



WRITER & ARTIST **ANTONIO PROHIAS**







We live in a world of technological wonders. Many things that couldn't even be imagined a hundred years ago are now commonplace. Yet one thing, it seems, will probably be forever out of man's reach. Or will it? The possibility of poultry traversing through the ages remains a dream for many. But until such time as this dream can become a reality, we are left to sit and wonder what such a scientific achievement would bring. Behold!

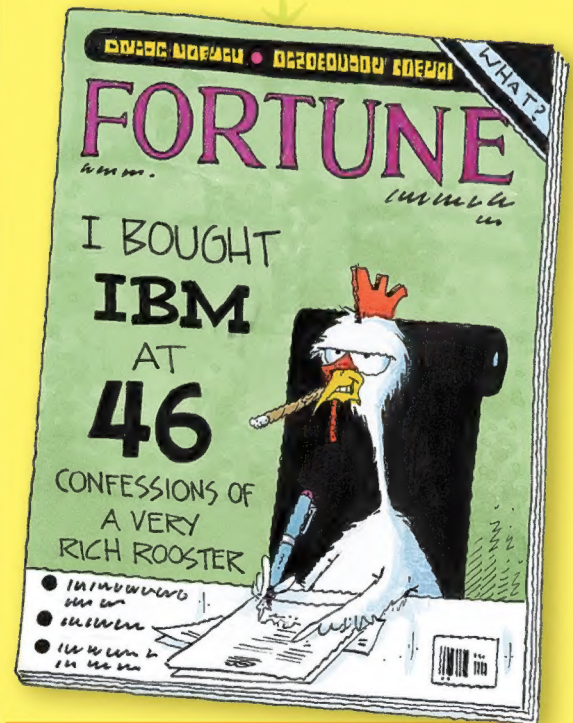
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# IF CHICKENS COULD TIME TRAVEL

WRITER & ARTIST JOHN CALDWELL

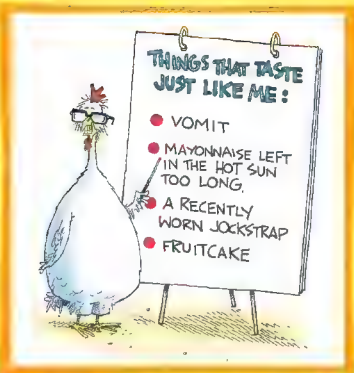


The world might never have heard the name "Colonel Sanders."



The annual "Fortune 500" list would be peppered with trillionaire chickens.

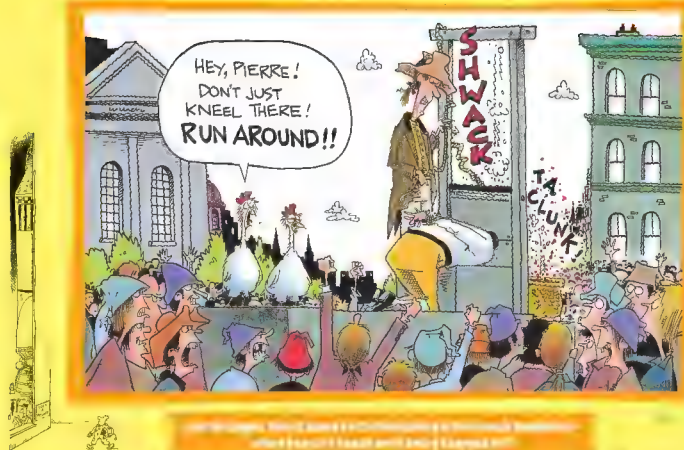




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They'd definitely make their share of "wrong place, wrong time" appearances.



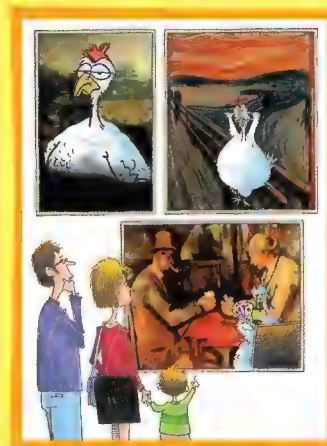
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Popular songs, bestselling books, and major motion pictures would forever sing the praises of the gallant chicken who saved Lincoln.



Some would learn the hard way the dangers of looking up their prehistoric ancestors.



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They would rarely set their arrival date correctly, because at the end of the day, they're still frickin' chickens!







Editor's Note: Since our "Introduction" writer was just kidnapped, and since he is being held for 9¢ ransom, and since we refuse to pay that ransom . . . there will be no introduction to . . .

# A MAD PEEK BEHIND THE SCENES AT A RESORT HOTEL

WRITER LARRY SIEGEL ARTIST BOB CLARKE

Ahhh, young love! Isn't that nice?!  
It's just like our brochure says . . .  
"Euphoria Hotel—The Romantic Spot—  
The Ideal Place To Meet A Husband!"

Are you kidding?  
If I meet MY  
husband here,  
I'm DEAD!!





The bed in room 389 is in terrible shape! The two left legs are shorter than the two right legs, and you can't lie in it without tipping from side to side! We got trouble!

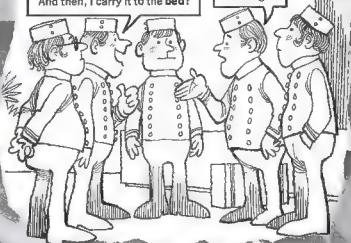
Wrong! We got a **VIBRATING BED!** Put a quarter coin box on it and we'll clean up!



Okay, everybody got it straight! Barney carries the guy's bag into the lobby! Steve carries it to the elevator! Gus carries it down the hall! And I carry it into the room!

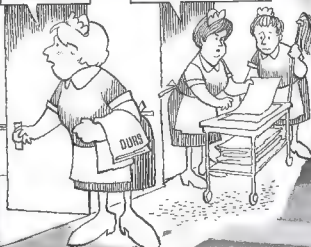
And then, I carry it to the bed?

No—don't stretch a good thing too far! Four tips on one bag is enough!



Oops! Sorry to bust in on you folks like this! I'll come back at a better time!

She ought to be ashamed of herself! She knows the only time we bust in on guests is when they're either naked—or in the bathroom!



Ha-ha-ha! Hee-hee! Hoo-ha! Oh, stop! You're killing me!

No, a laundry price list for the hotel!

How about "Socks—\$1 a pair—hankies—75c each—"? Please! Stop! I can't stand it anymore!



The guests are complaining about our pool! It's small, it's only two feet deep, and the water is like lukewarm soup! Shall we admit it's a wading pool and refund their money for misrepresentation!

Of course not! Tell 'em we're a "Spa"—that that's our therapeutic pool—and charge 'em extra to go in!



You advertise this hotel as the finest resort on the coast, with all rooms facing the ocean! Well, MY room doesn't face the ocean!

We didn't say WHICH ocean!



The dining room staff just locked all the guests in, submitted a list of grievances to the chef, and set fire to the pantry!

If I told 'em once, I told 'em a thousand times—Don't hire college kids as waiters!



The air conditioning broke down in Room 227! It's sweltering in there! Shall I call a repair man?

No, I have a better idea! Throw a couple of bricks in a corner, and we'll advertise a free sauna bath!



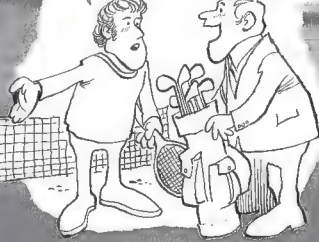
Why must all tennis players wear white?

Because it's a tennis tradition... because white is a neat clean color and tennis is a neat clean game... and mainly, because how ELSE could I make a killing in my tennis supply shop selling shirts, shorts, skirts and sneakers!??



Our Championship Tennis Court is in terrible shape! I counted about 18 holes in it!

Okay, take down the net! We now have a Championship Golf Course!



We pride ourselves in our efficient Hotel Security Force! There hasn't been a robbery here in years!

Except when our guests check out and see their BILL!



On the phone you told me there were five men to one girl!

That's right! And those are the five men! Too bad you're not lucky enough to be the one girl!



Clark





# Ways to Avoid Paying to Check a Suitcase When you Fly



**1** Dress in layers. Wearing 8 pairs of underwear, 4 pairs of pants, 6 shirts, and 3 jackets means one less suitcase to check. Not only will you save money, but if you're hit by a car, it just may save your life!



**2**

Buy a large umbrella and fill it with all your toiletries, small electronics and snacks. But remember, don't open it! It's bad luck to open an umbrella on an airplane!



**3**

Reading material is not considered luggage. Hollow out a large Bible and pack it full of socks, handkerchiefs and maybe even some reading material!



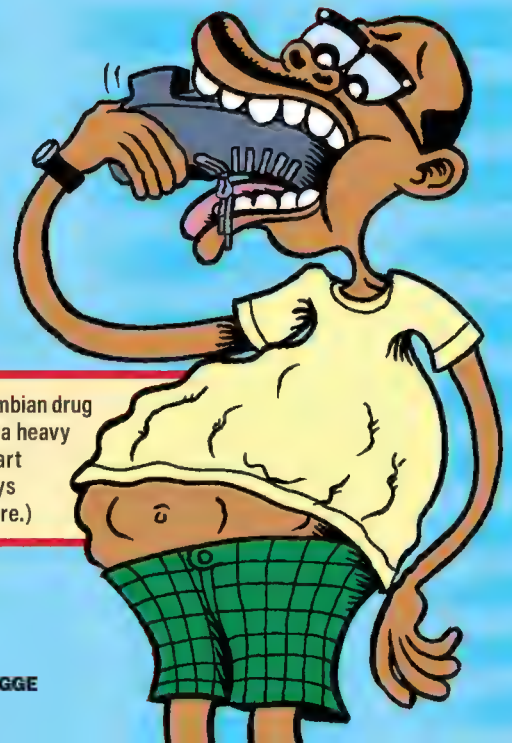
**4**

Wear a stovepipe hat. Not only can it carry a hell of a lot of stuff but you'll look patriotic.



**5**

Take a page from Colombian drug mules. (Note: If you're a heavy packer, you might start swallowing a few days prior to your departure.)





If you're planning on visiting one of our national parks, you better hurry before President Cheney — oops we mean President Bush — begins drilling for oil under each and every rock like he was Jed Clampett on a Saturday night bender. But at least for now these great natural wonder treasures are here for you to enjoy and us to make fun of. Here's...

# A MAD PEEK BEHIND THE SCENES AT A NATIONAL PARK

This campsite will be such a wonderful escape from the over-crowded city!

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CAUTION  
BEARS  
ARE NOT  
TAME  
OR POS W/ R

COMING SOON  
NEW, SPACIOUS,  
ALL-WEATHER  
VISITORS CENTER

PARK SPEED  
LIMIT  
5 MPH

Those  
are really  
great  
hiking  
boots!

They've got patented grip tight soles, a rubber toe bumper, a padded gusset tongue and a waterproof Gore-Tex lining!

Are you  
ready to  
go for  
a hike?

No way! I'm gonna  
stay here at base camp!  
If anything happened  
to these \$500 boots  
I'd kill myself!

C'mon, kids! We've been  
here for two days! Isn't  
anybody gonna get out  
and look around?

I'm not  
leaving  
the air  
conditioning!

I'm not  
leaving  
the VCR!

I'm not  
leaving  
the Internet!

VISITORS CENTER  
INFORMATION

BULLETINS



I'm out here in the woods with only a pair of tweezers, two batteries and a broken compass...this awesome Outward Bound program is teaching me how to survive out here on my own!

Looks like we've got another Outward Bound success story here!

You bet! We spent two bucks on his supplies and we're milking yet another sucker outta five grand!

Let's face it, we are lost!

I thought your Global Positioning System searched the sky for satellites to pinpoint our position!

It does! So how could we be lost?

Because the very first thing it searches for is fresh batteries, and I forgot to put them in!

Ever since *The Blair Witch Project*, I haven't felt safe hanging out in the woods!

Me neither! I live in terror of screaming idiots chasing after each other with a video camera to make a low-budget movie!

Sitting around a campfire is a celebration of the peace and serenity of the beautiful bonds of human kind in nature!

Indeed! This is really great! It's the very essence of community and...oops!

You clumsy jerk! You knocked my marshmallow into the fire, you stupid bastard!

Why are you just standing around the foot of the mountain? Are you gonna climb it, or what?

Nah! I'm waiting for someone to fall off it so I can write a sensationalist account for *Outside* magazine!

Oh lord! The rope's come undone and Glenn's falling off the mountain! Poor Glenn!

Poor Glenn! That's my 300 dollar climbing rope he's holding!

Hey, guys, what say we head back on that trail right now!

Are you kidding? I'm bushed! We've been backpacking for a month and we haven't seen a single woman! Now there's a whole group of them!

Yeah, and I bet they're as horny as we are!

Hey girls, do you mind if we join you around the campfire?

No! We belong to God's Crusade of Purity! We'd love to have you join in our singing! The more voices, the louder the Lord will hear our prayers!

Hey guys, what say we head back on that trail right now!

What's that really awful smell?

I think it's fresh air!

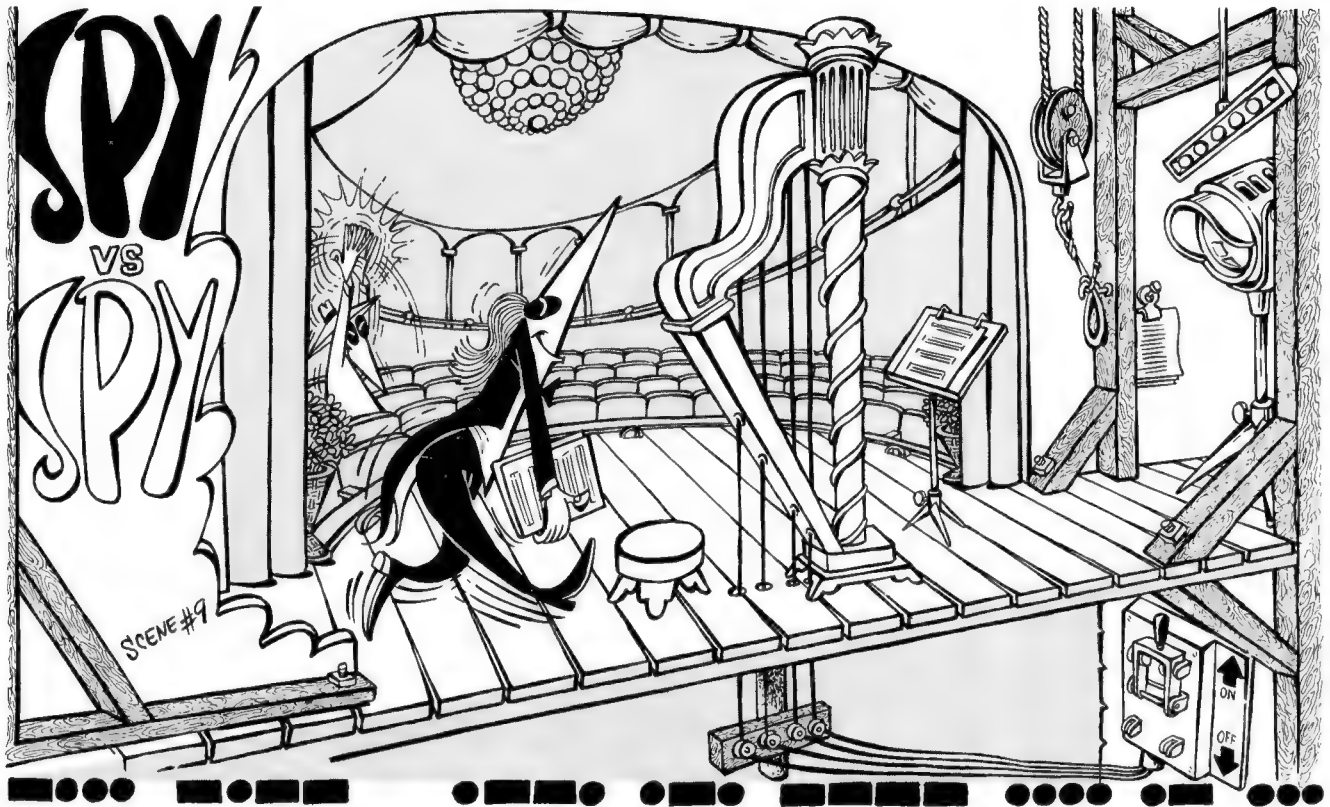
Well, whatever the hell it is, it's making me sick! Turn on the S.U.V. for a few minutes so I can inhale some exhaust!

We've been hiking for hours! I'm suffering from severe crotch itch!

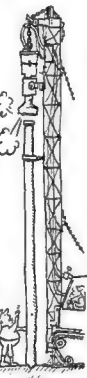
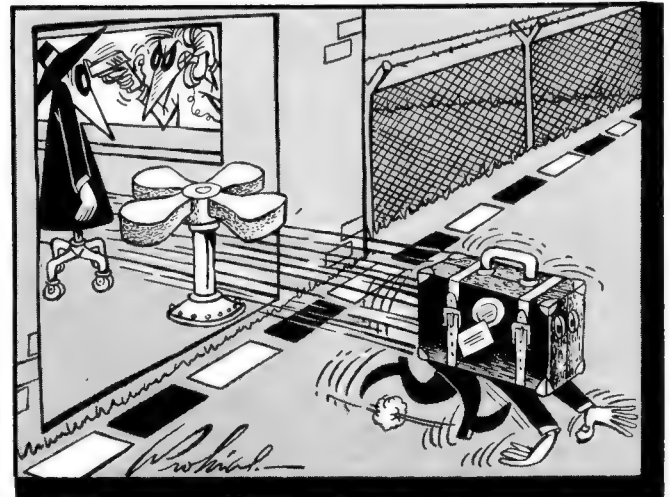
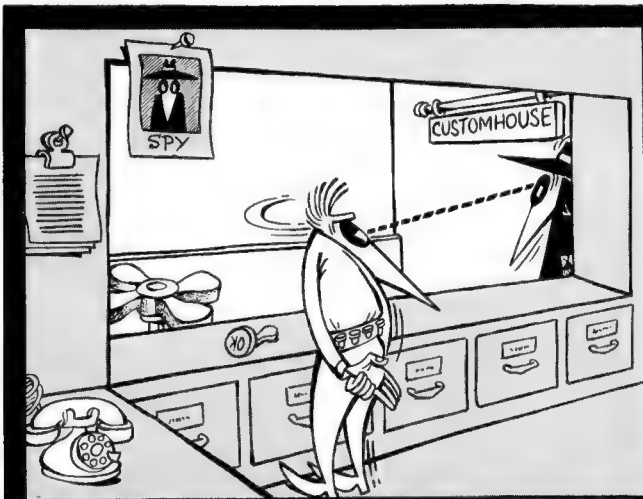
Yeah, I've worked up a terrible case of butt chap myself!

So much for our romantic weekend in the wilderness!





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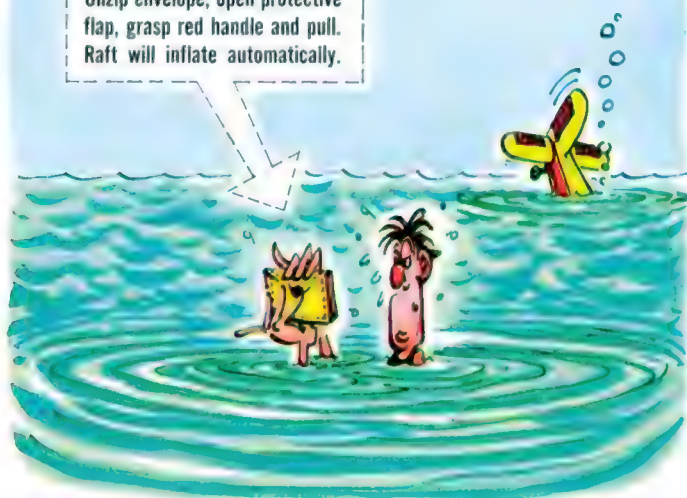


# DITCHED IN THE SOUTH PACIFIC

## SURVIVAL RAFT

DESIGNED ESPECIALLY FOR USE  
IN THE SOUTH PACIFIC AREA  
DIRECTIONS

Unzip envelope, open protective  
flap, grasp red handle and pull.  
Raft will inflate automatically.

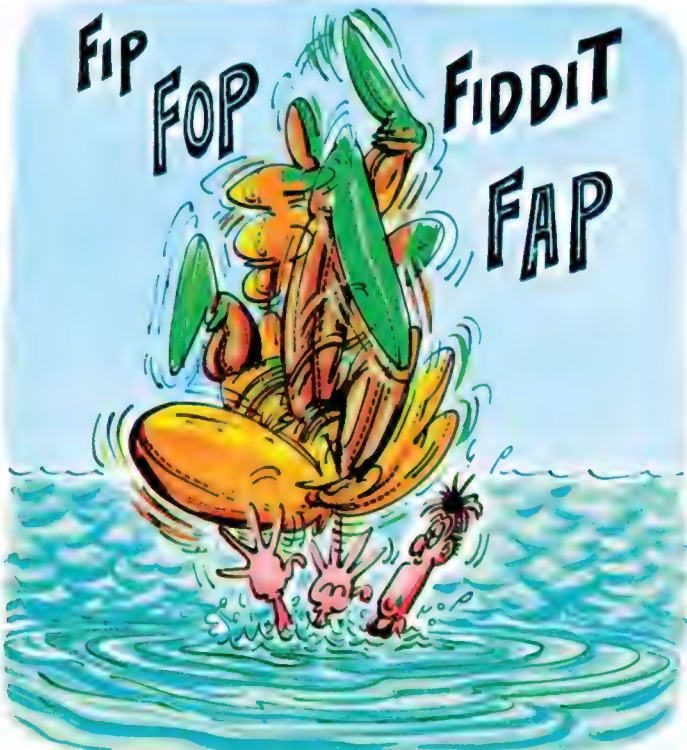


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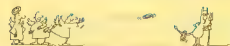
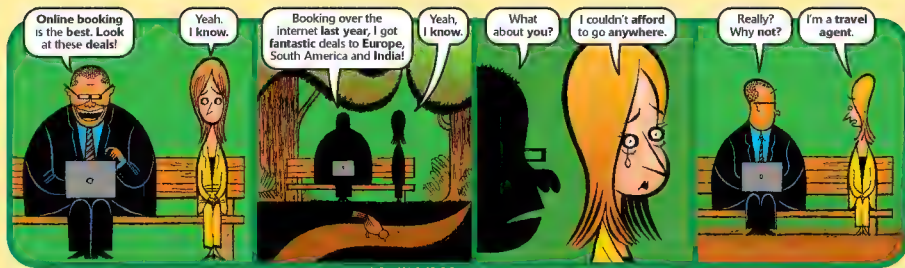
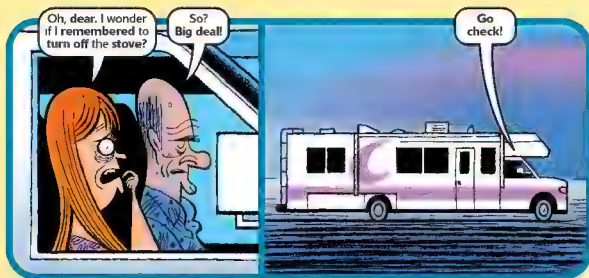


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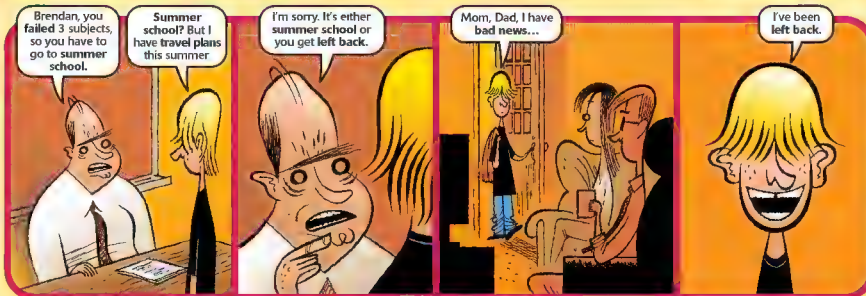


TRIP TEASE DEPT.

# TheMAD WORLDof...

WRITER STAN SINBERG ARTIST MARC NEMPEL

# TRAVEL







I don't believe it!  
They lost my luggage!  
This sucks!

Let's go  
report it.

What was in  
the lost bag?

Everything! My toe, navel  
and nipple rings. Plus my  
thong bikini and iPod with  
all my downloads.



I'm sorry. Is there  
anything else?

Yes...



Find her bag, and  
I'll break your neck!



Wow, I can't  
believe we're  
in Italy.

I'm starving.  
Let's eat!

Yeah, let's have some  
real Italian food! I'll check  
my guidebook for the  
nearest Olive Garden!



How are the  
Spanish lessons  
going?

Great. I've  
learned everything  
I need to know.

Really? But you  
only started studying  
it three days ago!

But I've learned  
the most important  
phrase in Spanish.

"Can you please  
say that in English?"



Ah, the inter-  
national café. The  
place where travelers  
from all over the  
world gather...

Wow, the  
cultural  
dialogue  
must be  
great!



What cultural  
dialogue? They're all  
here just to email  
friends back home!

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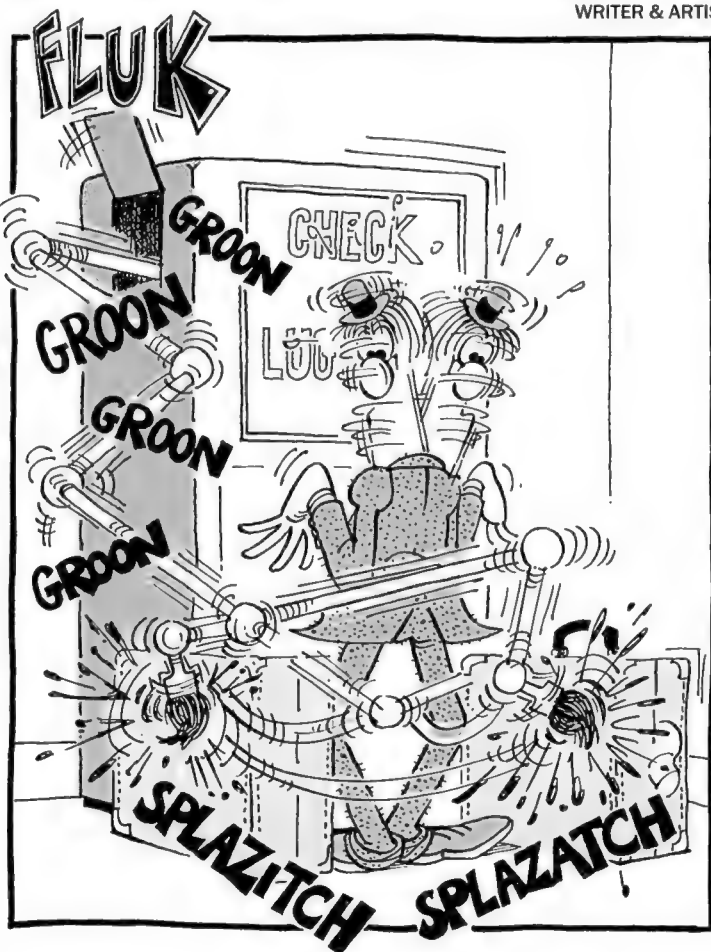




# ONE MORNING IN A BUS TERMINAL



WRITER & ARTIST DON MARTIN





Airlines have taken a lot of steps to make traveling more comfortable — there's wi-fi, personal TV screens, more legroom and let's not forget that free half-can of soda! But no matter how many perks they add, there's still one terrible inconvenience that they'll never be able to do away with — the people. You should prepare for severe turbulence if you end up having to share an armrest with any of...

# The Worst People to Sit Near on a Plane

WRITER & ARTIST TERESA BURNS PARKHURST

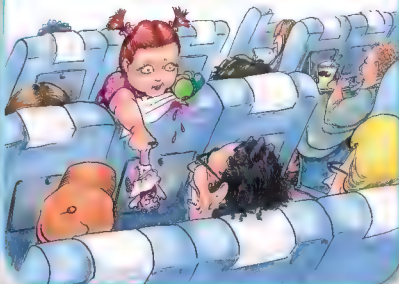
## ENLARGED PROSTATE GUY

You've had more physical contact with this antsy jerk than you've had with your last three girlfriends — but in the course of five hours of chit-chat, you just can't find a subtle way to bring up catheters.



## THE CUTE STARING KID

This cuteness lasts for about eight minutes before your face starts hurting from flashing the same phony smile and you start getting annoyed at this obnoxious, unblinking imp who won't allow you to enjoy even the most discrete nose-pick.



## THE PUPPY TRANSPORTER

Your relief realizing that your neighbor's ass isn't panting is short-lived when you find out what IS breathing heavily — a terrified pup under her seat that's peeing and farting its way across the continent. You'd ask for a seat change, if your pesky windpipe wasn't closing up because of your dander allergy.



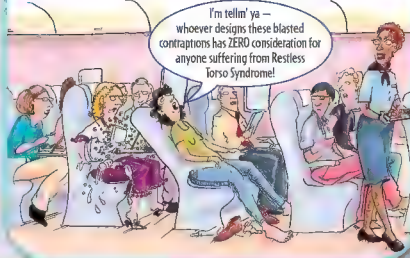
## THE DEEP SLEEPER

Sure, in moments of romantic desperation, you've had your fair share of strangers sleeping next to you — but this time you're sober and keenly aware of the slobbering, dead-weighted schlub encroaching on your \$538 seat. Plus, this time there's nowhere to shower off the shame.



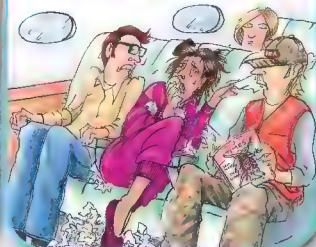
## THE ERRATIC RECLINER

Every time this douchebag changes position, so do your food and beverages. Plus, whenever that freakin' tray impales your gut, you're rammed of how you failed — yet again — to de-blubber before your vacation.



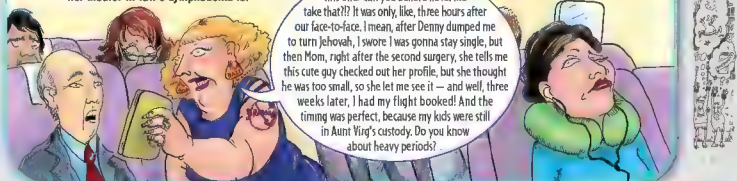
## THE SILENT WEEPER

Maybe she just got dumped, or buried Grammie, or found out her housekeeper thought Wensky was an outdoor kitty, but who cares??? Her efforts to stifle her unrelenting sobs are seriously killing your airport bar buzz.



## THE PERSONAL INFORMATION DIVULGER

This person makes you wish you could be meaner, but you can't — especially after hearing how bad her mother-in-law's Lymphedema is.



## THE B.O. DUDE

Maybe this guy is allergic to deodorant, detergent and soap. Or maybe he just didn't have time to shower after the triathlon. Or perhaps he's just wearing his lucky flying jacket that hasn't been dry-cleaned since the mid-70s — doesn't matter, he stinks.



## THE ANGRY DRUNK

His slurred, apathetic tirade towards the airline/government/ex-wives/liberal media creates the perfect ambience for the meditation tape you can't hear over his boozey ramblings.







# THE CASTAWAY



WRITER **AL JAFFEE** ARTIST **PAUL COKER, JR.**

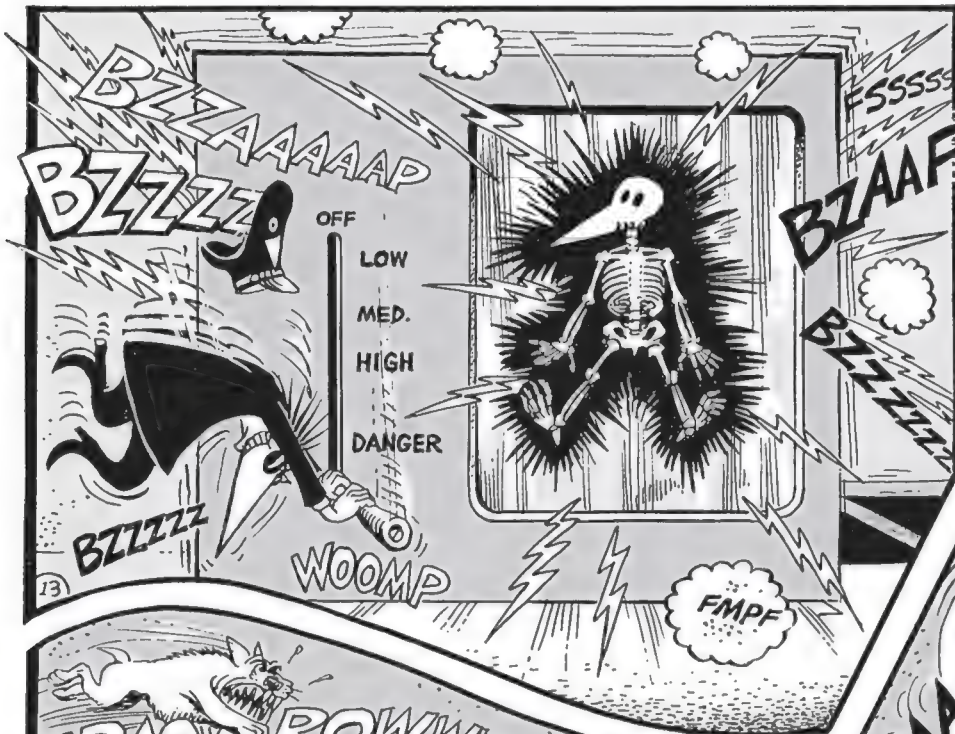
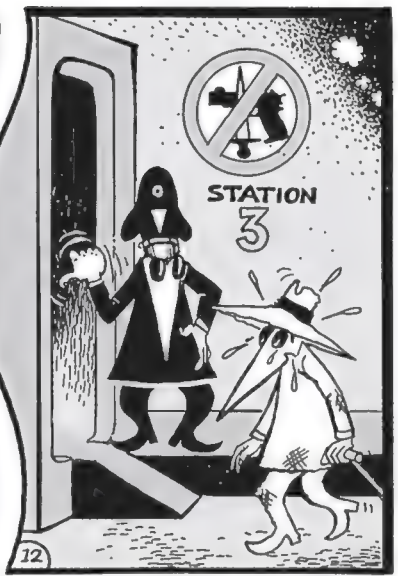
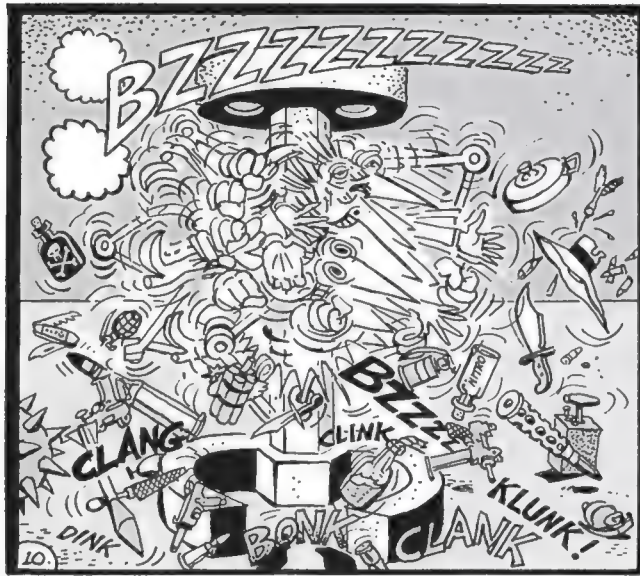




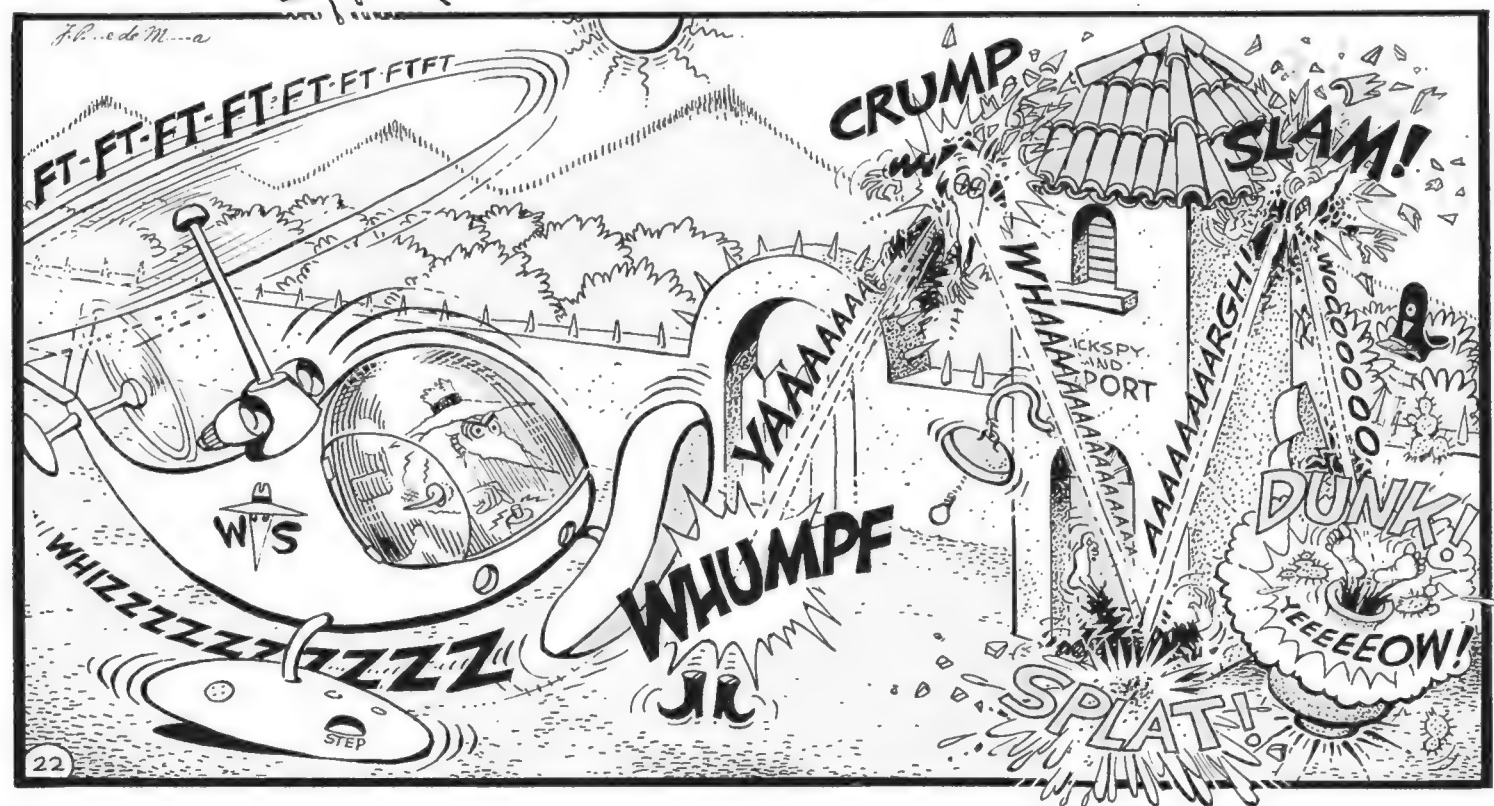
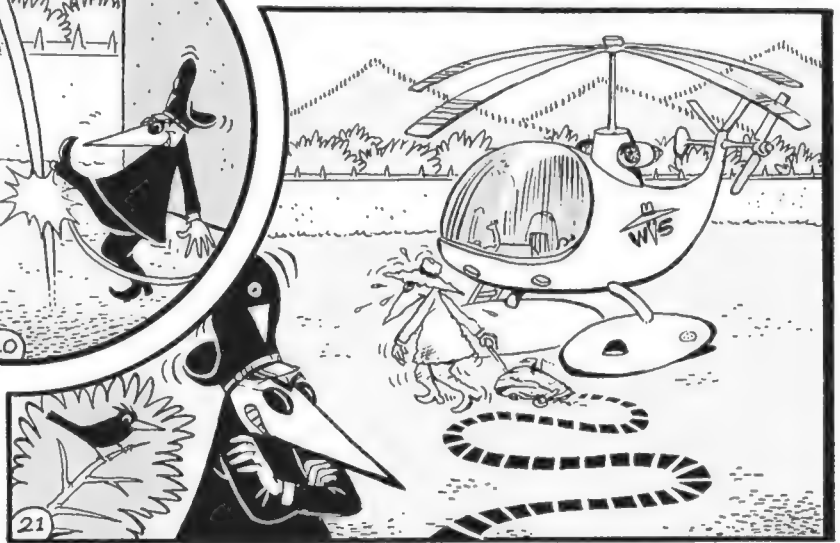
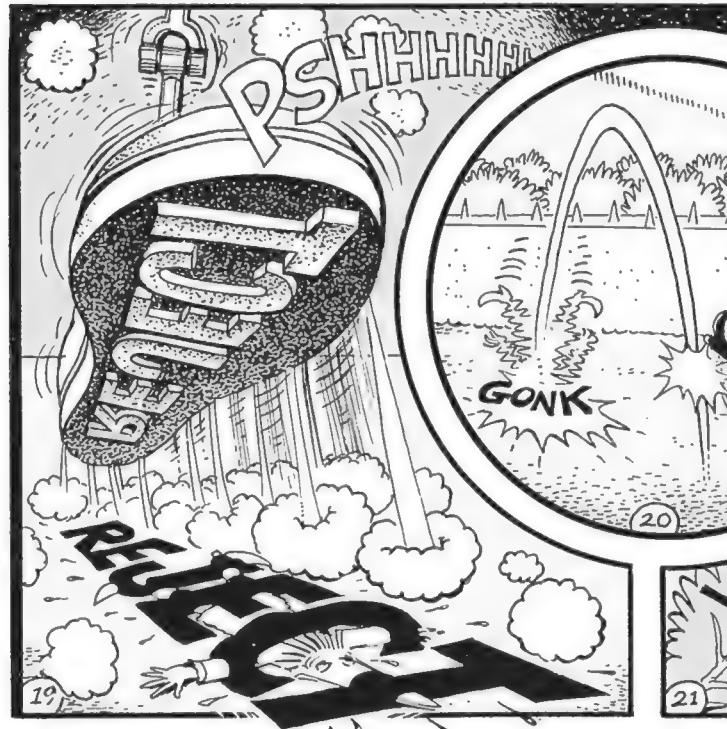
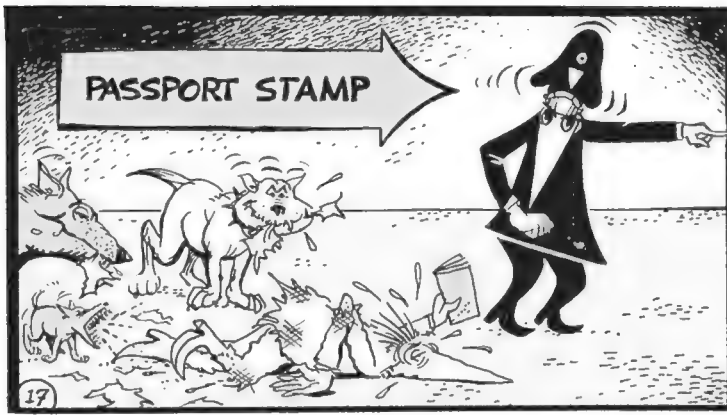
**SECRET**













I'm Pill! KingHarm! You're watching **twelve teams** from all around the world converge on this **desolate spot** in the Florida Everglades! Actually, **all twelve** of these teams are staying in a run-down motel just a mile from here provided by the producers. They could have all come in a mini-bus, but isn't it so much more **impressive** to say they've come from places **far and wide**? Some are arriving today by **airboat**, some are arriving by **helicopter**.

And one **returning team**, the two successful **male models** who won the \$1 million dollars in our last **Amazing Race**, is arriving by **parachute**!

My God, the packs the producers gave us don't have parachutes in them! No wonder they said we'd get our \$1 million prize after we appeared in this new series! It was their crappy way of not paying us our winnings!

Stop being so gloomy! Look on the bright side: it's great that our faces are back on national TV again. This should make quite a big impact on our modelling careers!

We're **Tiffany** and **Tiffany**! We're **identical twins**! We're so **identical** we have the **same first name**! We're **cheerleaders** – which is odd, because the **town** we come from is so **small** it doesn't have any **sports teams**! But the **producers** said we could be on the show anyway, as long as we wore these **short skirts** and **tight sweaters**! **Rah! Rah!** – uh, what's the **third word**?  
Oh yeah. **Rah!**

**We've  
been  
best  
friends  
since  
child-  
hood!  
I'm the  
youngest  
and he's  
the  
dumbest!**

I'm the dumbest? You were the one who asked if our canoe came with a steering wheel, moron!

Screw you, a-hole!

**Bite me, Jerkwad!**  
Well, I guess it's easy to see why we got picked for this show. Our ability to constantly bicker and put each other down is high on the producer's list of "must have" attributes!

We're supposed to be couple number five! They told us there would be some real surprises in this version of the show, but who figured we'd be eliminated even before they announced our names! Glub, glub, glub...

**Biff** and I have been, like, dating for a couple of weeks now and, like, we thought joining *The Amazing Rut* would be a good way to find out if we, like, belong together!

Sure, we could go out on more dates and I could see how she behaves at a restaurant or ball game, but being in *Rut* lets us find out the deeper things! Like how she reacts to falling into a heap of elephant dung or if she minds a snake crawling up her skirt while a spider crawls down her neck!

Hey, how did this guy get an advance copy of this season's script?

**Bullsh\*t, you old fool! They wanted us on the show because watching old people fall down on camera is really good for a laugh!**

Oh, yeah –  
I'm sure  
they also  
considered  
the fact that  
one of us  
is hard of  
hearing as  
comedy gold!

We're the politically correct interracial couple! I'm big and overweight, and my Asian boyfriend here is thin and anemic! You probably think we make a strange combination, and you're right!

When we tried to get on the show with our real partners, we were turned down! Then we got this wild idea to walk back into the producer's office pretending to be this weird couple and bingo, we're on the show!

My daughter was a problem teenager! She ran away from home many times and hung out with a bunch of low lifes! But I convinced her to enter this grueling race with me as a way to reconnect!

I still don't think this is a good idea, daddy. I'm eight months pregnant! I can hardly move!

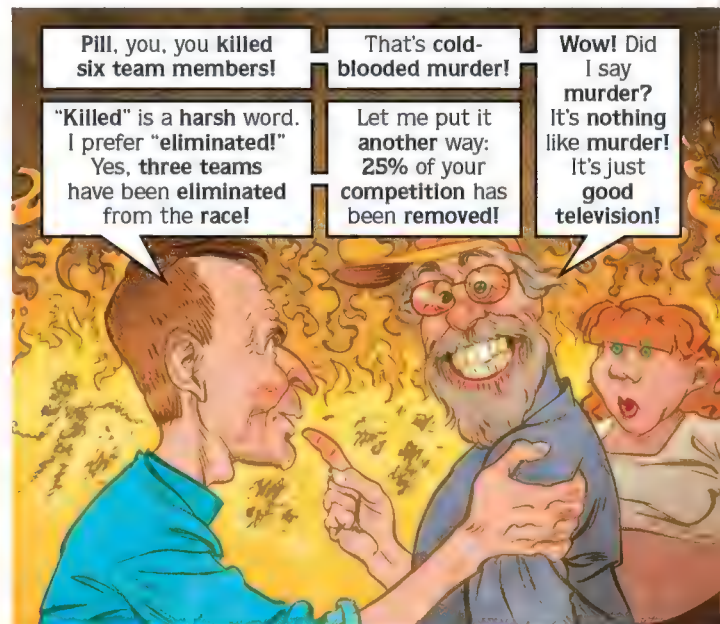
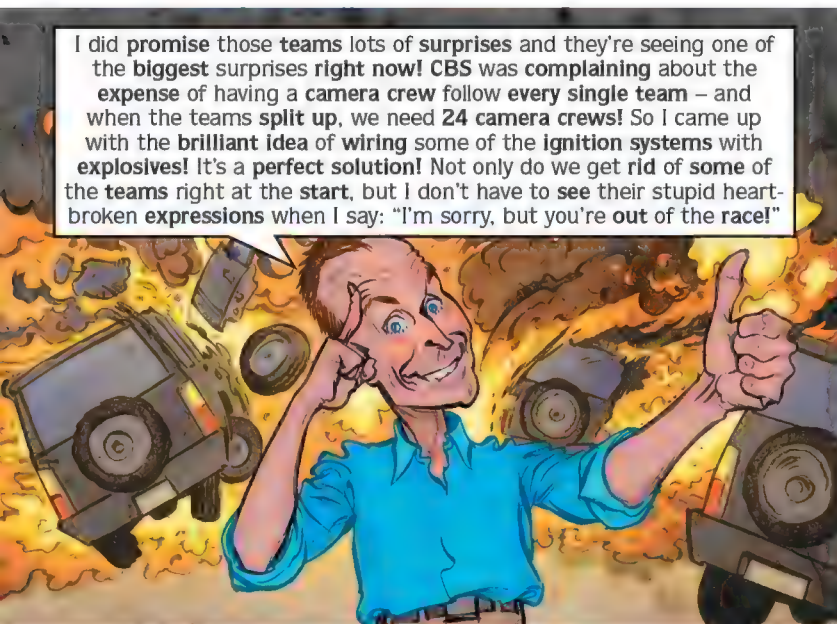
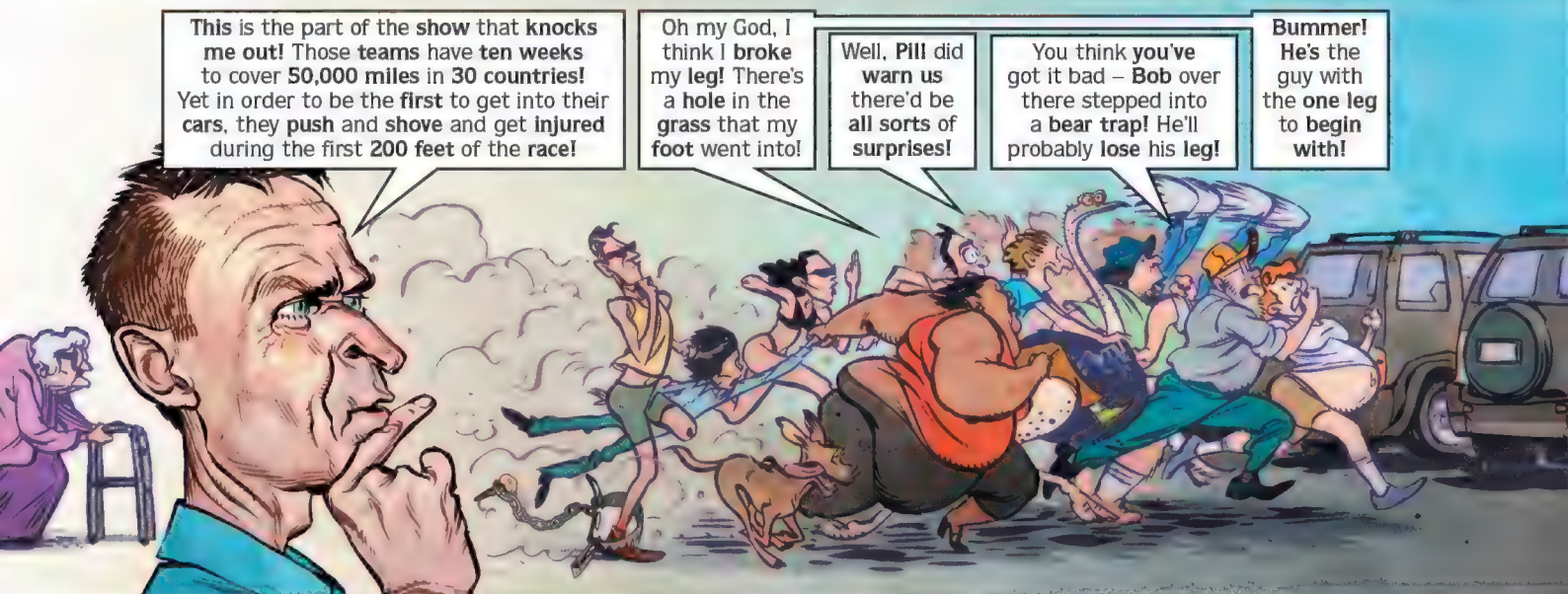
Well, if  
you're gonna  
start out  
with that  
no-can-do  
attitude,  
Let's just  
drop out  
now!

I thought by being on *The Amazing Race* I'd get to see things but the inside of an alligator's stomach is not what I had in mind!

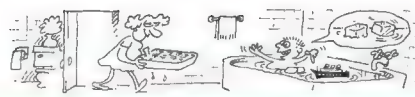
I told you we  
would get on  
the show!  
We're a  
naturall  
I have only  
one leg, and  
you only have  
one arm!

Well we better win the million dollars! It's probably gonna cost almost that much to get our limbs sewn back on! I hope we d.dn't cut them off for nothing!









The teams are off on the first leg of their long, difficult journey! They must now fly from Florida to Cairo, Egypt!

Oh, no! They must be doing yet another season of that **Amazing Rut** show! Here come more of those obnoxious couples running from window to window trying to buy tickets at the last minute!

Screw security! I'll turn off the metal detector and just let them pass through! Let the other countries deal with them. Can the image of ugly Americans get any worse?

SPECIAL SECURITY ENTRANCE FOR CONTESTANTS FROM THE AMAZING RUT



Here in **Cairo** the teams must find their first clue, which we've hidden among the treasures of **Tutankhamen**! We're down to six teams after bribing customs to arrest three teams and keep them in jail till the race is over!

Do you think the Egyptians ever had big yellow envelopes that said **Amazing Rut** on them?

I'm not a historian, but I would think not!

Then we have our next clue!

Best Glue? I'd say **Elmer's**! Fixed my dentures with them once!



The teams have made their way to **South America**! Now they must cross the **Amazon River**, but they have a choice! They can choose to swim it, or if they want to spend the time, they can build a boat to cross it!

This water is amazing! I feel like I'm getting lighter by the minute as I swim! I guess it's the undertow!

You are getting lighter by the minute, and it's not the undertow! It's piranhas! They're pulling off our flesh!

We're now in last place! There go our hopes and dreams!

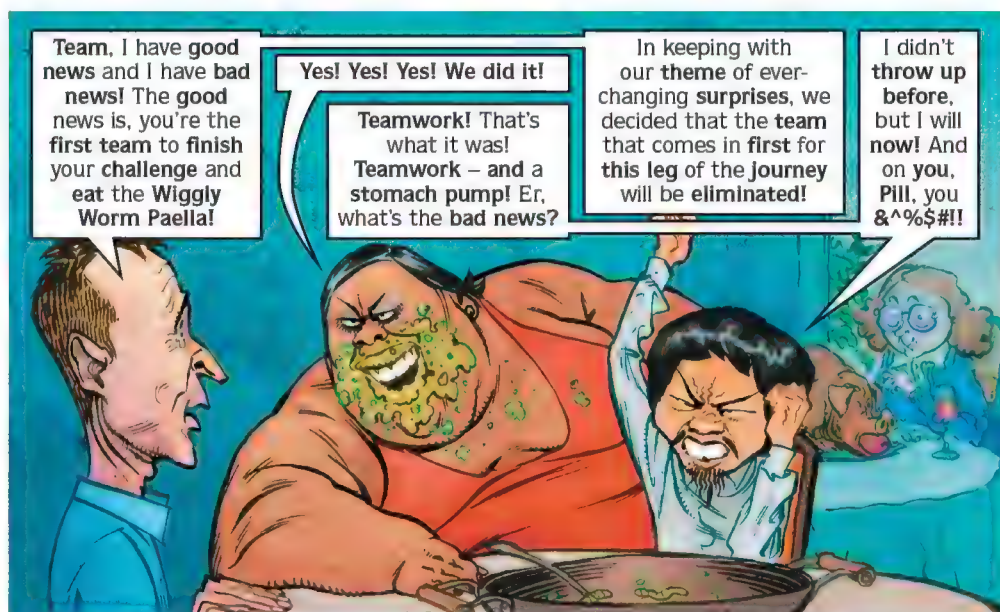
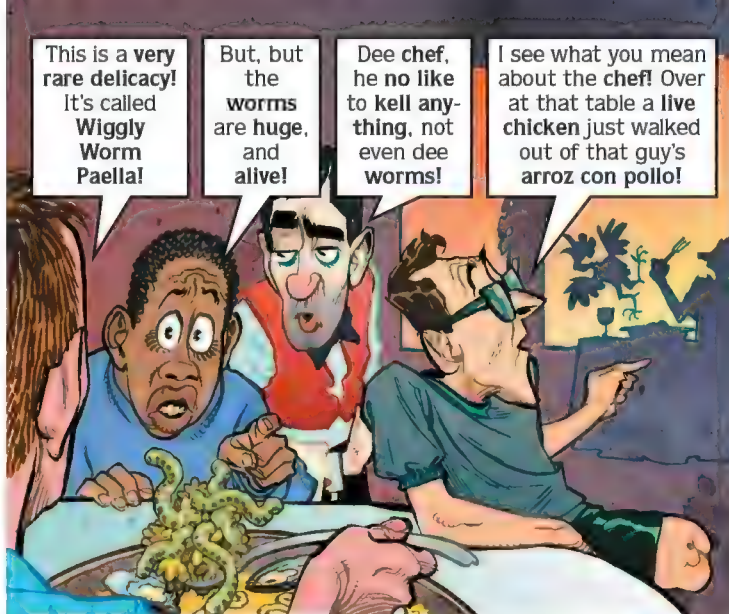
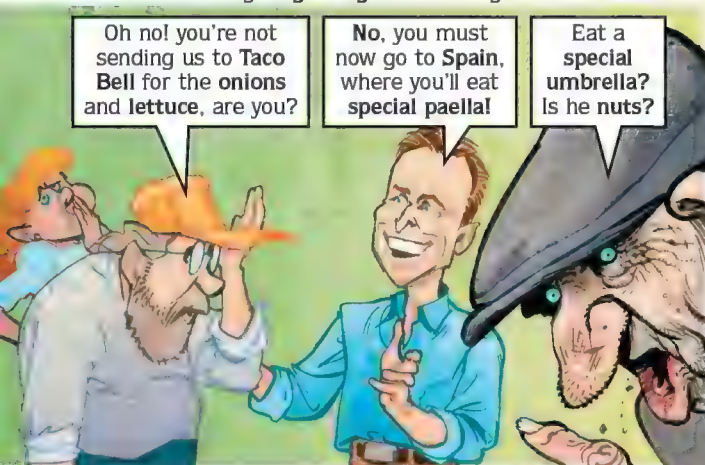
You mean our hopes and our limbs!

I'm glad we decided to build a boat! We couldn't afford to lose any more limbs!





We're working through the teams rather quickly! Six teams entered the Amazon and thanks to our friends, the piranhas, four teams came out! Now, in sticking with our "never fail formula," it's time for the remaining four teams to eat something disgusting in order to get their next clue!



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We're down to **three couples** now. Our **limb-challenged** couple didn't even make it into the **restaurant challenge**, because that place has a **four limb minimum**! The remaining **three teams** now have to fly back to **New York**, where they must find a **green statue** with a **torch** in **one hand**! That's the **only clue** they'll have!

I got our **tickets**! We have to make **three stops** and **change planes** twice! We could have saved **four hours** with a **nonstop** flight but I **hated** the film they were showing!

You **moron**! You mean you wasted **four hours** because you didn't like the **in-flight movie**? Are you **freaking nuts**?

The movie was **Click** – you know, with **Adam Sandler**?

Oh my God, I'm sorry! **Good move**! There's no way I could sit through that piece of **crap**! **Screw the contest**!



Tiffany! You took this **flight**, too?

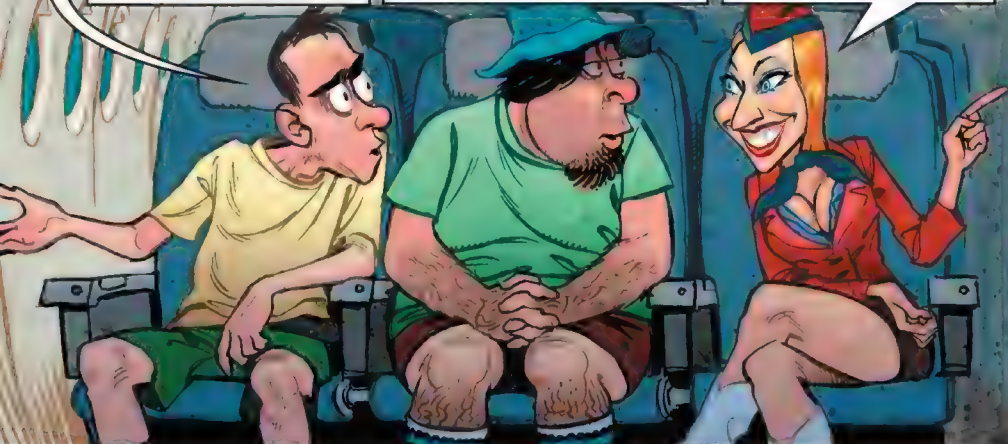
They told me it was **sold out**!

But where's **Tiffany**?

Yeah, the **other** flight was showing **Click**, with **Adam Sandler**! There was **no way** I could sit through that piece of **crap**!

It **is**! Evidently, **no one** would take the **other** flight because of the **movie**! But I told them I had to be on this plane, so they made me a **stewardess**!

In the **cockpit**, flying the plane! But it's **okay**! She's had **years** of **experience** as a member of the **Mile High Club**!



Sorry I'm **late**! When did they put this **statue** out in the **water**? Didn't it used to be in **Central Park**? Anyway, which team got here **first**?

We did!

We did!



Hmmm, this is a **situation** we **never** had before; where the teams **beat** the **host** to the **final location**! Since we can't **verify** which team was here **first**, I'm going to award the **million dollars** to the **old folks**! At least we **know** for sure they will come in **third**! And at **their age** if we **stall** long enough they'll **croak** and we won't have to **pay** them a **penny**!



With that **race** out of the way, we're getting set for the **next great race**! And we've rounded up some of the most **competitive**, **pushy**, **outspoken** contestants you'd ever want to meet! All I can say is **stay out of their way**! They're a **motley group**!





The airline industry is in serious financial trouble. Because of inflation, operating costs, such as fuel, food personnel, and fancy services, have skyrocketed. However, because of the recession, it is no longer possible to pass these increases on to the passengers. And so, in order to make air travel cheaper and thus attractive to more people, something called "no-frill flying" has been introduced. This plan offers lower fares for a more austere type of air travel in which some of the fancy services such as "meals" have been eliminated. If the economic crunch continues and the idea catches on, we may soon be seeing these...

# FUTURE "NO-FRILLS AIR TRAVEL" GIMMICKS

WRITER: DICK DEBARTOLO & AL JAFFEE ARTIST: AL JAFFEE

## "FRILL-FREE" STANDING ROOM PASSENGERS



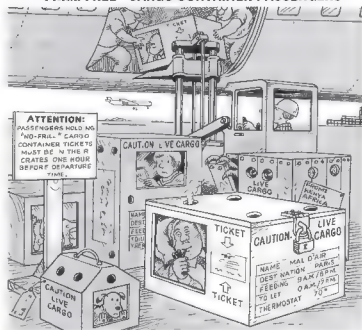
Cost-conscious travelers will be offered "No-Frills Standed Accommodations" which consists of flying erect from point to point securely tucked into their Standing Room Safety Belts.

## "FRILL-FREE" OVERHEAD RACK PASSENGERS



Overhead Rack space will be made available to passengers who do not care to stand, contain-costs, and will happily settle for the cramped "No-Frills Individual Cubicle Accommodations."

## "FRILL-FREE" CARGO CONTAINER PASSENGERS



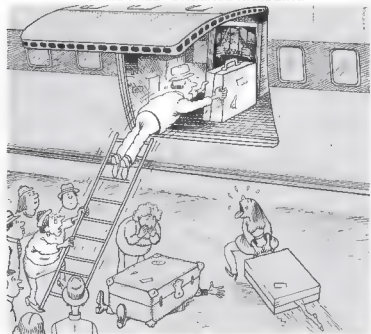
Most economical of all money-saving plans will make use of Cargo Container. Hold-whimpered air traveler will be offered "No-Frills Individual Crate Accommodations."

## "FRILL-FREE" ROUGH RIDE TREATMENT



Common Air Sickness Trough for "No-Frills" passengers will eliminate need for expensive Individual Air Sickness Bags, and will also eliminate cost of removing used (each) bags.

## "FRILL-FREE" BAGGAGE HANDLING



All "Frill-Free" passengers will be required to store their own luggage aboard the aircraft before flight, and will also be required to retrieve it upon arrival at destination.

## "FRILL-FREE" TOILET ACCOMMODATIONS



Fancy Johns with free goodies like soap and French perfume will be out for "Frill-Free" passengers. One "Pay Toilet" with "Coin-Operated Necessity-Dispenser" will be available.

## "FRILL-FREE" EATING ACCOMMODATIONS



Since costly gourmet meals will be eliminated, a "Frill-Free Snack Bar" will be installed for use by "Frill Free" passengers. Unfortunately, Snack Bar will only seat two at a time.

## "FRILL-FREE" EMERGENCY EQUIPMENT



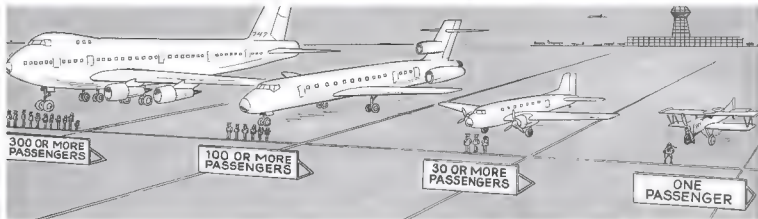
Airlines now provide costly Life Vests and Emergency Oxygen equipment. "Frill-Free" passengers will be satisfied with simple-to-understand Swimming Instructions and an Air Tube.





# IN ADDITION TO "FUTURE 'NO-FRILLS' AIR TRAVEL GIMMICKS", HERE ARE SOME OTHER MAD IDEAS ON... HOW AIRLINES CAN INCREASE REVENUES AND PROFITS

## INTERCHANGEABLE PASSENGER ACCOMMODATION EQUIPMENT



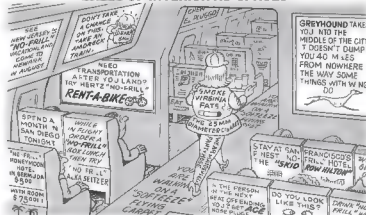
Obviously airlines lose plenty when 6 people fly jets that normally seat 365 and require crews of 18. With this new system, airlines will only use the equipment necessary to accommodate the exact number of passengers that show up.

## FRANCHISED PASSENGER SERVICES



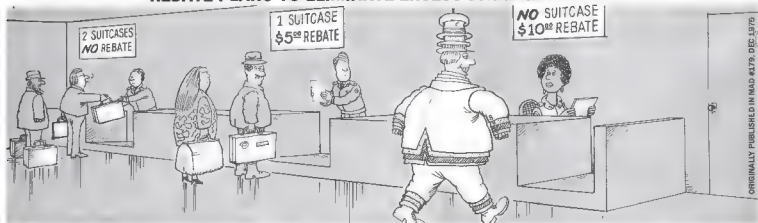
Airlines can save millions by eliminating all free meals, and then earn additional revenues by selling franchises to concessionaires who would supply passengers with food.

## SALES OF INTERIOR AD SPACES



Eliminating free newspapers and magazines would save money, and then the airlines can earn additional income by selling spaces for ads...which bored passengers will eagerly read.

## REBATE PLANS TO ELIMINATE EXCESS BAGGAGE WEIGHT



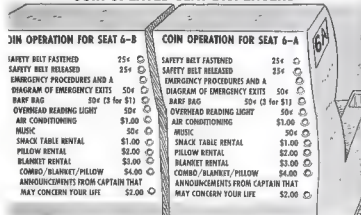
Since modern jet planes consume costly fuel in direct proportion to the amount of weight on board, the elimination of excess baggage would mean substantial savings. A system of "No Bag" or "One Bag" rebates could prove very effective.

## RENTAL OR LEASING OF VALUABLE BOARDING APRON SPACE



To raise additional revenue valuable runway boarding space can be rented to concessionaires who will sell everything from local souvenirs to fake photos of "No-Frill" passengers sitting in what looks like the First Class Section on board.

## COIN-OPERATED SEAT DISPENSERS



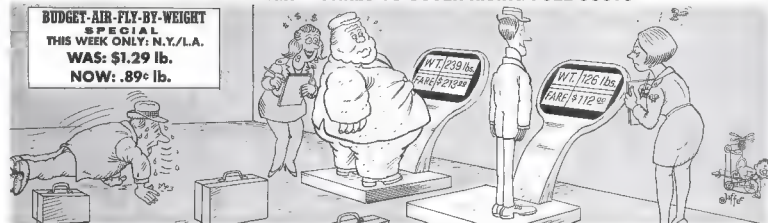
Airlines can generate huge revenues by charging for all the services that are now supplied free. A coin operated seat-dispenser will give passenger his choice—for a slight fee.

## SELF-SERVICE TICKETING RAMPS



Eliminating "Ticket Office" and "Reservation" personnel can effect huge savings. One way airlines can accomplish this is to introduce "Pay-As-You-Enter" ramp-systems for all flights.

## "FLY-BY-WEIGHT" FARES TO COVER RISING FUEL COSTS



Another effective method of passing on rising jet fuel costs is to institute a "Fly-By-Weight" system in which all of the fat, overweight slob would be forced to pay their fair share of flying expenses in relation to all the skinny light slob.



IF KIDS DESIGNED  
THEIR OWN XMAS **Toys**



## THE TELEVISION STUDIO



## MAD'S SNAPPY ANSWERS



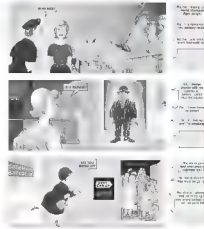
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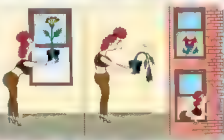


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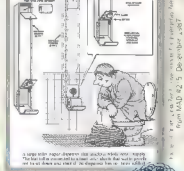
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# MAD REMEMBERS AL JAFFEE

At the 1984 MAD Christmas Party, the first I attended, I ecstatically scanned the crowd of guests. When I saw a curly-haired gent with a goatee, glasses, and a mischievous smile, my jaw dropped. "That's Al Jaffee!" my inner fanboy screamed to myself. Al was live or six contributors rolled into one—he could write all manner of MAD articles and draw them and other writer's in four or five different styles. Plus, Al had a knack for creating premises that fit MAD like a sugar-glazed glove. That I had the chance to work with him, not with him, loved with him, laugh with him and be considered a colleague by him is like winning bragging rights for life. They say "Only the good die young," but Al shattered that rule! He was MAD's MVP to the end. It'd just like to hear his response when Saint Peter asks, "Are you here to enter Heaven?"

—Charlie Kadeau, MAD Senior Editor Emeritus, 1985-2017



Enjoying a cocktail with MAD Senior Editor Charlie Kadeau.



Al Jaffee was a comfortable constant in my life. This write-up could probably end there...but it won't.

Inside the pages of MAD, which I discovered in Mrs. Pitts's fifth grade classroom, was a gateway to a weird new world, a world where grown ups weren't perfect, and it was okay to laugh at the absurdity of society's sacred cows.

In between the movie parodies and various regular features, there was Al Jaffee. Silly and oddly comforting, his art and writing welcomed this reader in on the joke with a loving wink and a nod.

Decades later, I learned first hand that the interpenetrations from my early years were an accurate reflection of the man. Like his art and writing, Al was full of love and fascination, with a sly demeanor that was disarming yet formidable. These qualities were glued together by a twisted and otherworldly sense of humor and self awareness.

Al didn't hide behind his drawings; Al WAS his drawings.

—Ed Stockley  
Artist and one of the Usual Gang of Idiots

Al Jaffee, caricature by Ed Stockley



Al in his NYC studio, pursuing some of his multi-faceted creative pursuits.

When talking about Al Jaffee with my fellow idiots at MAD, I would affectionately refer to him as "a man with a unique talent." Al was the only person in American history who when his taxes listed "Fold-In artist" as his occupation. From its debut in 1964 and for the next 55 years, the Fold-In was MAD's distinctive grand finale, never failing to provide pure ridiculousness, biting social satire—or both! It was the Fold-In, more than any other feature, that made MAD different from other magazines. Even MAD's countless imitators couldn't imitate it. In 2017, at age 97, Al was still carrying his completed Fold-Ins rendered the old-fashioned way over a drawing board, to the MAD office on his portfolio—to applause from his staff I might add. But Al was hardly a non-stop pro. He gave us Howls and Doves and Snappy Answers to Stupid Questions and so much more. If ever there was a MAD genius, it was Al Jaffee.

—Joe Ralala, MAD Senior Editor Emeritus, 1985-2017 (BIG DEAD)

Al Jaffee was unquestionably a prodigious talent, and at the same time the nicest, most courteous gentleman imaginable. In my 19 years as MAD art director, I never worked with anyone so open to collaboration or more willing to give credit to others, whether deserved or not. I feel blessed that our professional relationship evolved into a true friendship.

—Sam Vixiano, MAD Art Director, 1999-2017



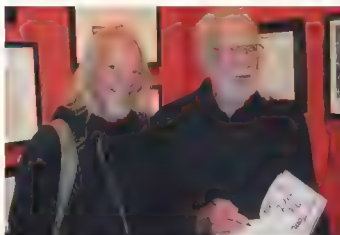
Always a fun friend, Al Jaffee, surrounded by his staff, at the NYC MAD office. Here, a 2017 visit with him in MAD Senior Editor Joe Ralala, Editor-in-Chief Adam Carolla, and Art Director Sam Vixiano.

A Jaffee memory: The Usual Gang of Idiots were sitting around a huge comfiest somewhere in Africa. The fire was to keep wild animals away. We were on one of publisher William M. Gaines's incredible bonus MAD trips for those who had more than 25 pages published in MAD in a year. Two people from another trip group joined us and one asked, "What is the staff of MAD Magazine doing in the middle of Africa?" Without missing a beat, Jaffee replied: "We're on a tour of Puerto Rico booked by a really stupid travel agent!" Great laughter all around...my god, Al will be missed.

—Dick DeBartolo, Writer, Former Creative Consultant



Al with MAD's longest contributing writer, the one and only Dick DeBartolo.



MAD 300th artist Tom Buu gets Al's "autograph."

This is a tribute to MAD's brilliant, very smart, genius Al Jaffee who recently died at the age of 102?

- 1) No, this is the Oscars, and the winner is "Everything, Everywhere Folded-In All at Once"
- 2) No, this is the Jewish Santa Claus look-alike monomaniac and there is only one entrant: Al Jaffee.
- 3) No, Sigmar Freud's ghost has decided to return without his ego and haunt the pages of MAD.

(Your answer here)

Ask a Stupid Question, get a Snappy Answer. Al, thank you for being a guiding light to millions of us 88 pound weaklings, and for illustrating the way to correctly misread our youth. I will miss you MADdy

—Peter Kaper, Cartoonist/Illustrator



MAD 300th artist Peter Kaper, Al Jaffee, and Desmond Devlin, Al Jaffee's "Society of Bloodstreamers" member

Who among you has enjoyed a good run at your job? The kind of best streak that really put you in solid of the office, and gave you career security? Good for you...but Al Jaffee has you beat.

- In MAD #86 (April 1964), Al debuted his first Fold-In.
- In issue #91 (October 1964), Al debuted his first full-fledged "inventions" article, "Some MAD Devices for Safer Smoking."
- In issue #98 (October 1965), Al debuted his first "Snappy Answers to Stupid Questions."

Those are three very different comedic structures. Thought up by one man within a year and a half. Each of these ideas pulls you in and makes you more than a reader. They make you a participant. Al's concepts were so strong and so fertile that he was able to revisit those three formats again and again for the next 55 years! I'd say that was a pretty decent year and a half for Al Jaffee.

His work is part of my bloodstream. I'm indebted to his mind and humor and privileged to have known him.

Desmond Devlin, MAD writer from age 19 to subsequent deapredation



Charles Kuchman and Al in 1960's the MAD office "taking a break" from working on MAD. Fred the Clown is also in the background, Al Jaffee's "Society of Bloodstreamers" member

It's safe to say that everyone reading this has never lived in a world Al Jaffee wasn't a part of. It says a lot about him that even at 102 he left us too soon. Growing up reading MAD, I never imagined I would miss Al. At least that I would miss several of his books or that he would become friends. For the better part of 10 years, we would get together for dinner at least once a month. In 2016, I had the honor of inducting Al into the Harvey Kurtzman Hall of Fame. Taking a cue from Snappy Answers I began, "Am I here to introduce Al Jaffee? No. I am here to deliver his eulogy." The crowd groaned. "Let's face it," I continued. "Al is old. When he was born, they were still using A.D. on his birth certificate." Al laughed, and thankfully everyone followed. Even though he is no longer with us, and I miss him terribly, I'd like to think he wouldn't mind my repeating that joke here.

—Charles Kuchman, Editor-in-Chief, Abrams ComicsMedia  
(Formerly Editor of Licensed Publications at DC Comics/MAD)





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# Weird Al Loves Wacky Al Jaffee

WRITER: WEIRD AL YANKOVIC  
ARTIST: ED STECKLE



**A**s of this writing, the great Al Jaffee is still very much alive and well. (347 years old—amazing!) I'm a lifelong fan of Al's and have always been enormously entertained by his work in MAD, including the iconic "Snappy Answers to Stupid Questions" and of course the legendary Fold-Ins. I'm still picking up pieces of my brain off the floor after finding out that I was the subject of one of those Fold-Ins back in 2014.

**But he's also responsible for my single most-favorite one-panel cartoon ever.**

When I was growing up in Lynwood, California, Kenny Rokos lived directly across the street from me. I liked Kenny well enough, but what

I really liked about going over to his house was the fact that his dad happened to have a big stack of MAD magazines in the closet. I was already a voracious MAD reader by this time, and this was a convenient way for me to get my fix.

I remember one day I was thumbing through a 1966 back issue and stumbled upon this three-page article by Mr. Jaffee. Honestly, I don't even remember what the article was about, but I'll never forget one of the images that it included: a very realistic-looking Dennis the Menace cartoon in which Dennis is running into the kitchen to proudly show his horrified mother a human skull. The caption: "LOOK WHAT I FOUND IN MR. WILSON'S HEAD!"

This completely short-circuited my brain. Without exaggeration, I may have laughed for 20 minutes straight. It was the funniest thing I had seen in my life up to that point—and frankly, I can't think of any other time in my life when I've laughed harder.

I mean, it's such a dark joke. It creates such an absurd and disturbing visual image: Was Dennis playfully clawing all the flesh off of Mr. Wilson's

head until he found this lovely treasure? And now how is Mom supposed to react to this act of depravity? This one cartoon may be the sole reason why so many of the songs in my catalog are twisted and violent. And the attention to detail is magnificent—it's virtually identical to Hank Ketcham's comic art. I probably learned that important lesson about the craft of parody from this cartoon as well.

A few years ago I heard that beloved longtime *Simpsons* writer George Meyer deemed this cartoon his all-time favorite as well. For an obscure little drawing hidden away in a three-page article in a magazine that's over half a century old, I think that's really saying something.

Anyway, thank you, Al Jaffee, for the many, many, many laughs over the years. And here's to 347 more!

**"WEIRD AL"**  
*Yankovic*

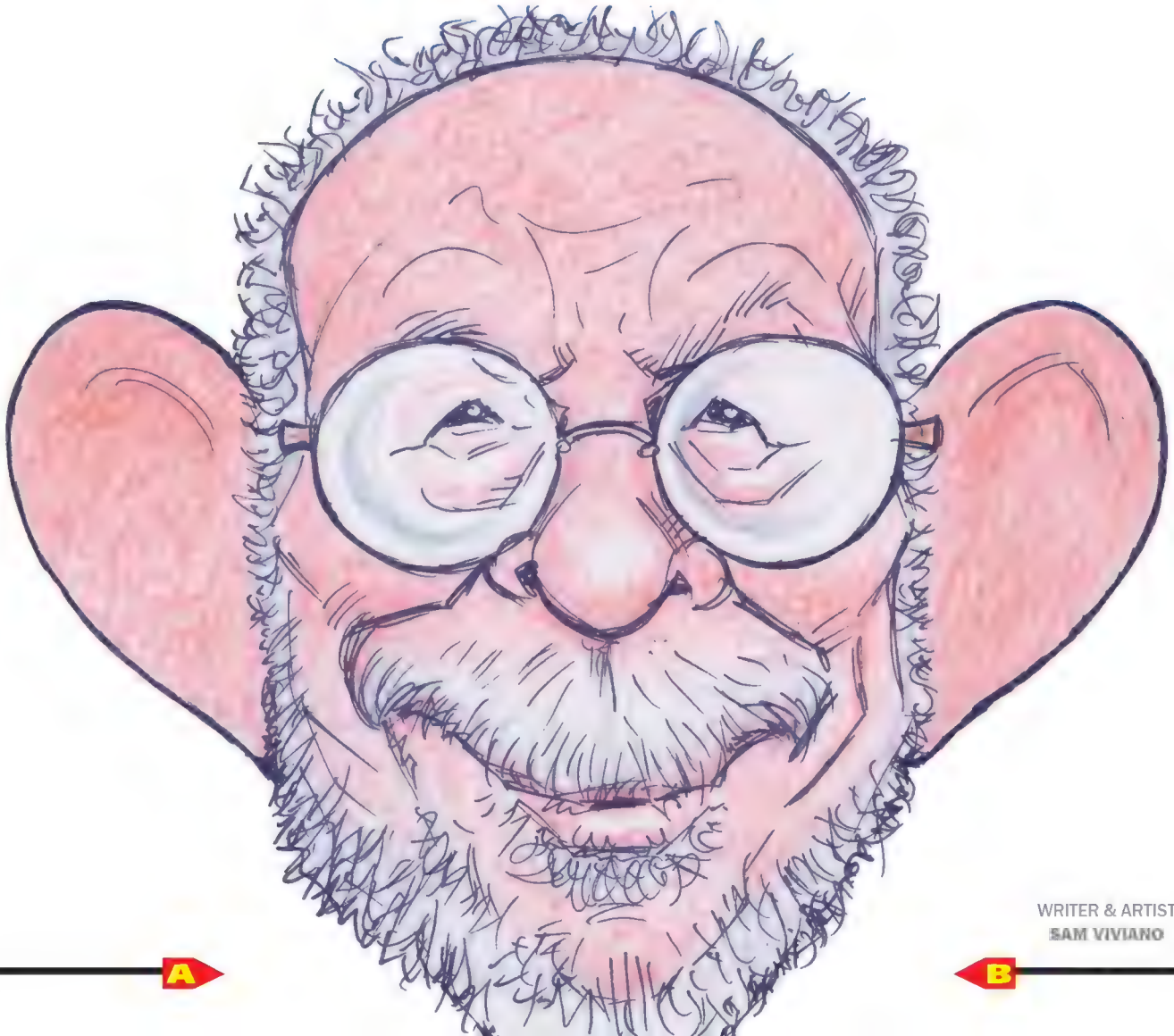
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*Weird Al Yankovic originally wrote this wonderful story about his favorite MAD artist, Al Jaffee, for MAD#28, the 70th Anniversary issue Dec 2022. We are thankful that he did and glad that Al got to see beautiful tribute in print too!*





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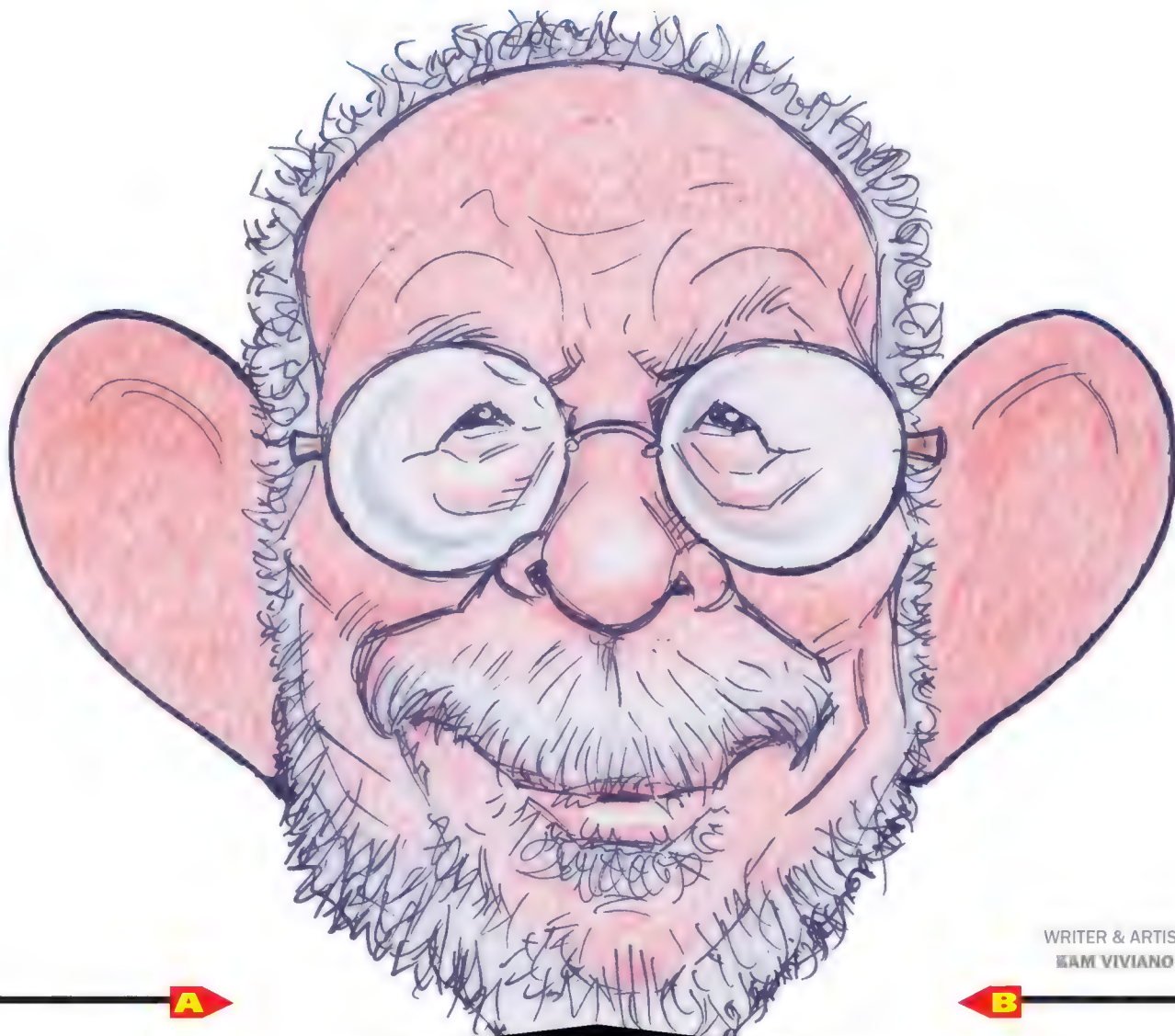
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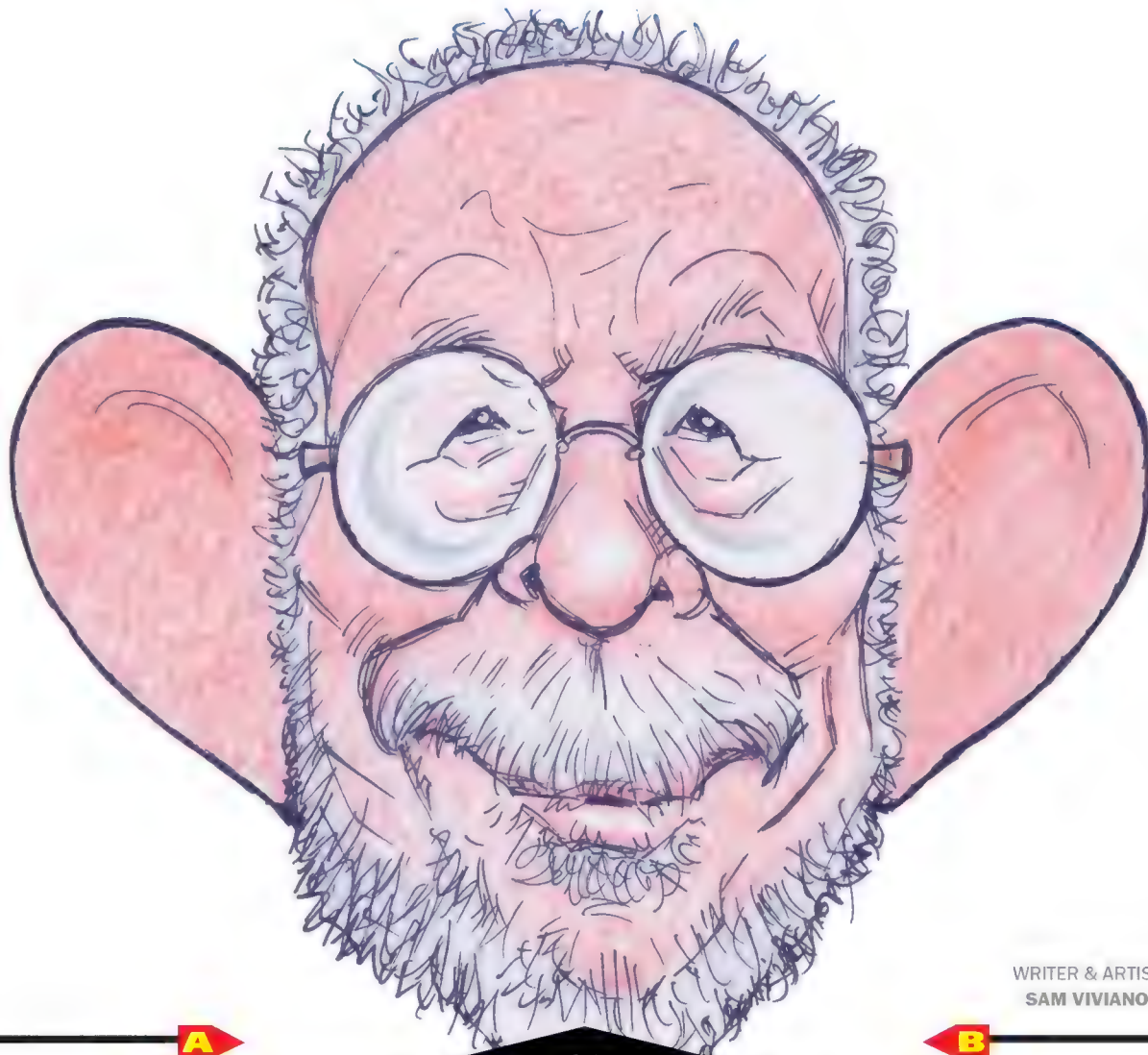
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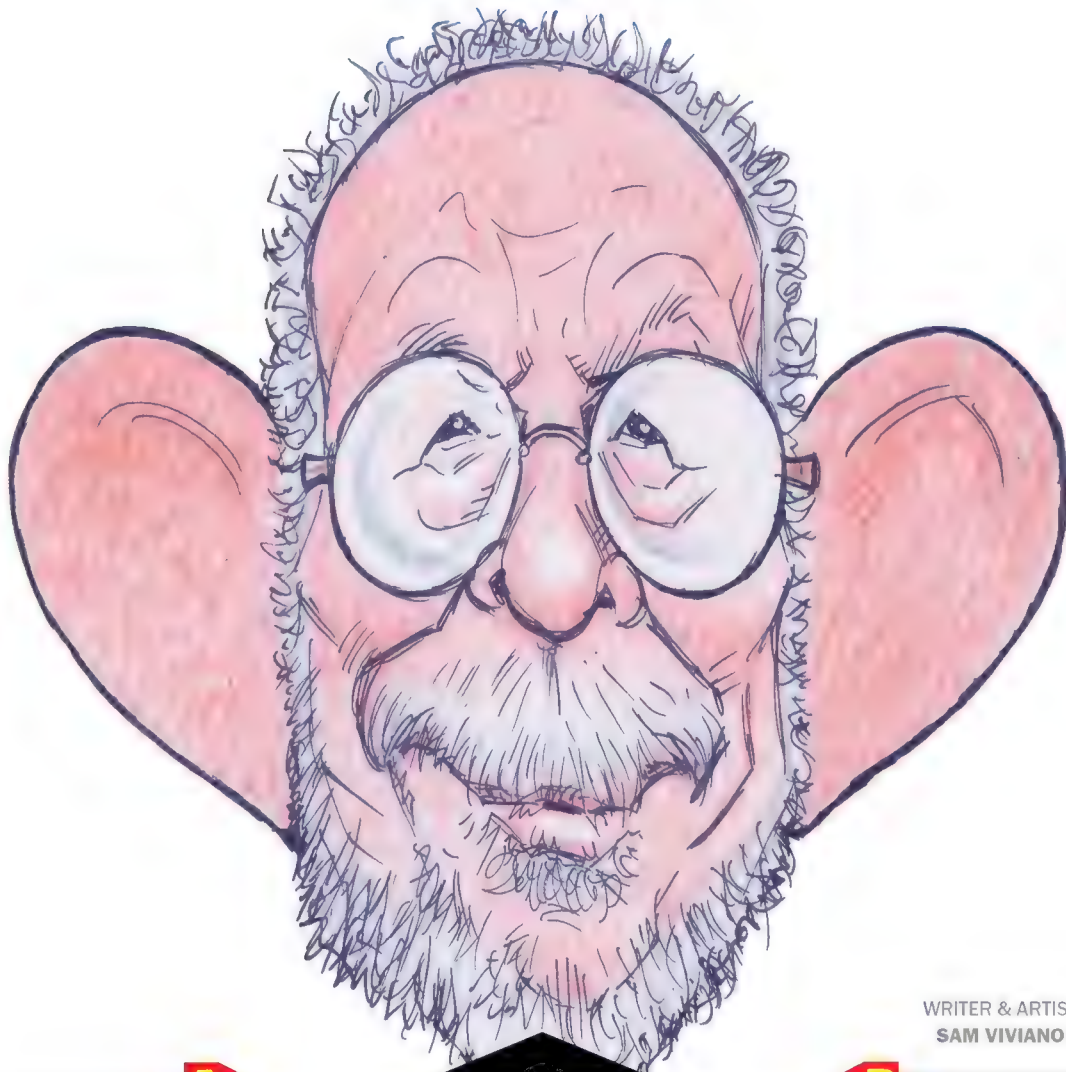


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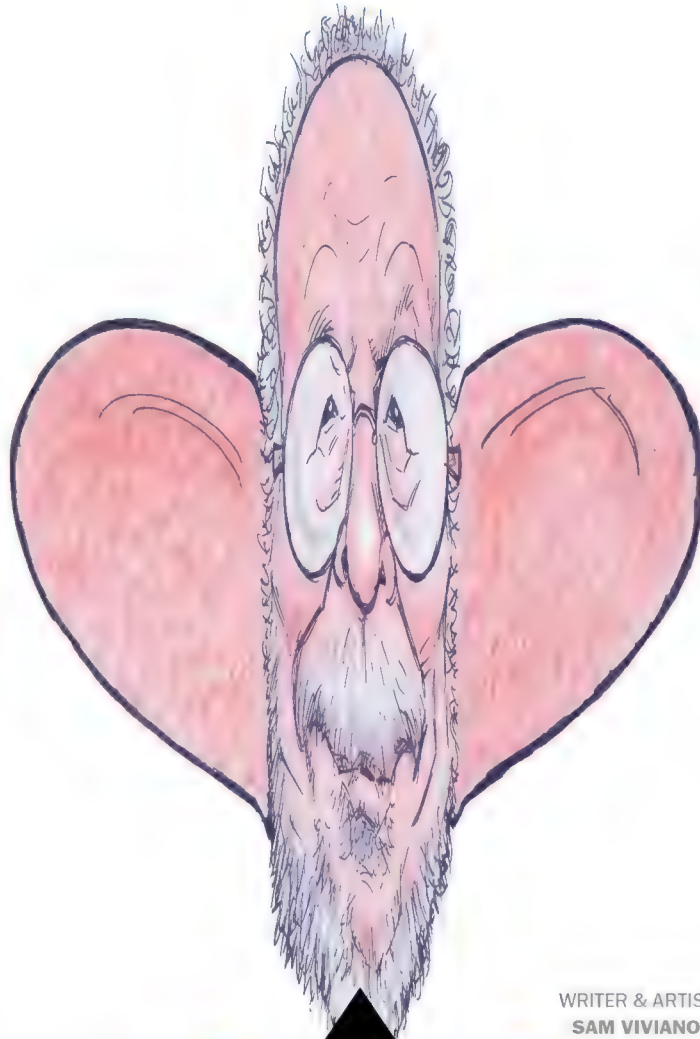
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# The UNFOLDABLE Al Jaffee

There will always be a debate about who is the "Greatest of All Time" in anything creative, but the sign of true greatness is always being one of the people in that conversation.

Any debate about the greatest cartoonist of all time that does not include Al Jaffee is not a legitimate debate.

Like so many, I grew up a fan of MAD Magazine. I loved the work of Harvey Kurtzman and Will Elder and Jack Davis and Sergio Aragonés and Mort Drucker and Wally Wood...well the list is too long to go on. MAD has been spoiled by having some of the greatest cartoonists ever as major contributors. But if I was forced to pick who was the greatest of the great in MAD, for me the choice really is no choice at all.

Al Jaffee was the greatest cartoonist who ever worked with MAD Magazine, and for me the greatest who ever put pen to paper, period. Sergio is right there for me as well, another genius of writing and art combined, but Al still takes the prize. No one ever did what he did as brilliantly as he did it for as long as he did it. No one. He was one of a kind.

Al was not the greatest artist that ever worked for MAD. That would probably have to go to Drucker or Davis or Wood. He was not the greatest writer that ever worked for MAD either...that title might have to go to Frank Jacobs or Dick DeBartolo or Arnie Kogen or Desmond Devin or Tom Koch or...again, too long a list. He was the greatest cartoonist who ever worked for MAD. He combined both writing and art at the highest of levels and sustained that greatness over the course of MAD's long run. In my opinion Al was the undisputed heavyweight champ of MAD, not just for the brilliance of his work, but because he could do it all. He wrote, drew, or wrote and drew covers, features, movie, and TV parodies, one-page gags, multiple-page gags...there was nothing he could not do and do as well or better than anyone else. Many of his ideas for features became signature elements of the magazine. His gag inventions pieces often featured concepts that famously became actual products or technology. His Snappy Answers to Stupid Questions feature is a beloved staple of MAD. His Fold-In feature is just flat-out iconic, and a masterpiece of humor genius that lasted for well over 50 years in print. Al did them for every single issue (save two) from 1964 until 2019.

But MAD was not Al's whole story. He worked for Timely Comics (eventually Marvel) doing humor comics featuring his creations Ziggy Pig and Silly Seal. He did a syndicated comic strip called *Tall Tales* which was a vertical-format strip done in pantomime so it would appeal to non-English language papers. Al once told me a story about how his syndication editor insisted he add words to the strip, and when he did they lost two dozen international papers that carried it. I think the word Al used to describe that gentleman was *idiot* (...and not the "Usual Gang of..." kind).

One of the greatest perks of getting to work for MAD was getting to know some of my heroes like Mort and Jack and Sam and Angelo and Sergio, and especially Al. He was a humble genius who was simply a delight to be around, whenever I got that chance. He was just like his cartoons...genuinely funny, charming, and sharp-witted.

My favorite Al Jaffee story was when we were in Savannah, Georgia, at a MAD gathering for a Savannah College of Art and Design event. My wife Anna and I were having lunch with the group. We were seated at the end of the table with Al, his charming wife Joyce, the great Paul Coker Jr. and his equally charming wife Rosemary. We were chatting away when Joyce pointed at my arms and said, "Look at those muscles!" Then she turns to the then only 90-year-old Al and says "why don't you have muscles like that?"

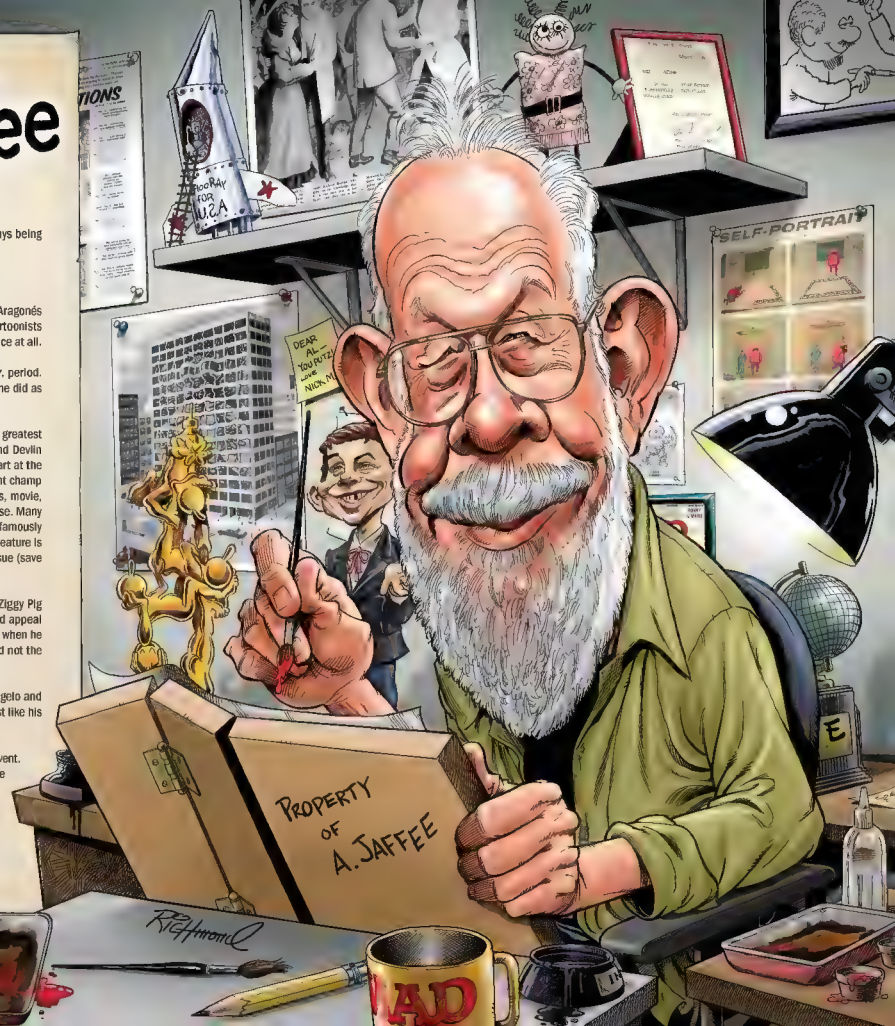
Without missing a beat, Al looked at her and said in his distinct, deep voice:

"I'm too cheap to buy new clothes."

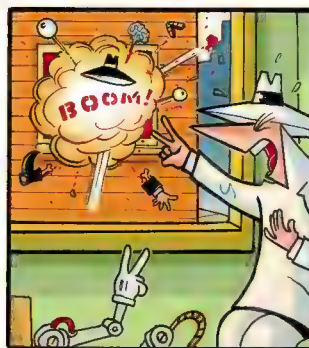
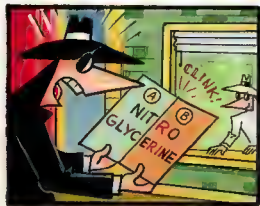
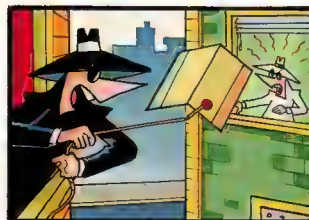
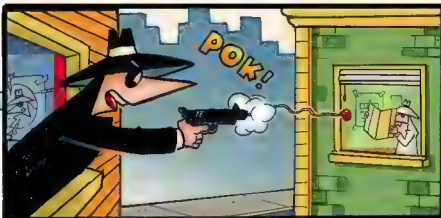
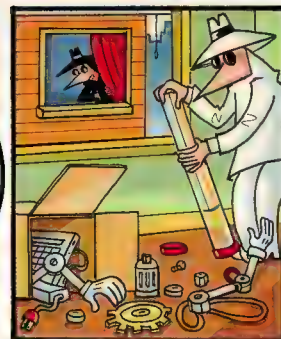
That's the kind of sharp wit and humor Al Jaffee generously shared with the world for more than 70 years as a cartoonist.

Planet Earth was lucky to have had Al Jaffee share his unmatched talent and humor with us, and especially lucky for it to have lasted for so long. Goodbye Al...and thanks for the laughs.

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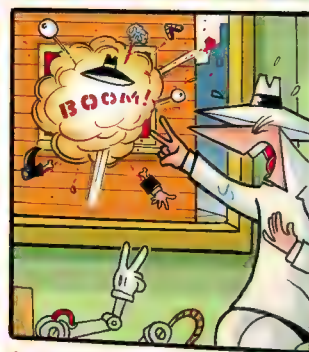
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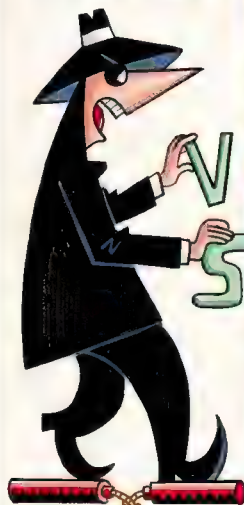
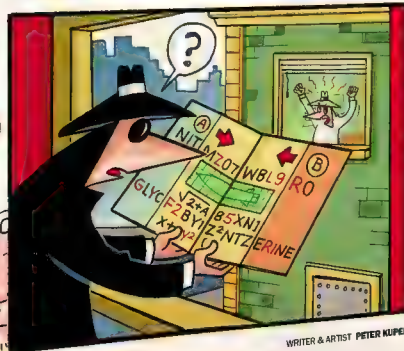
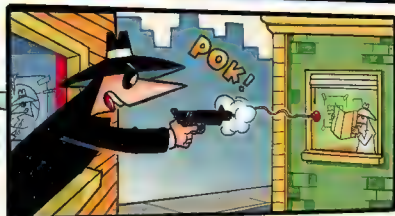
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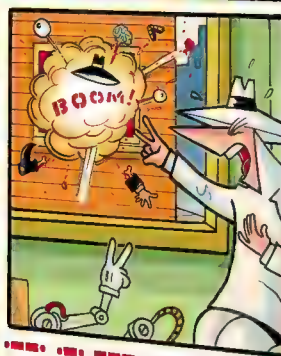
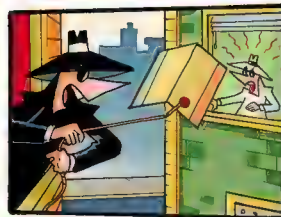


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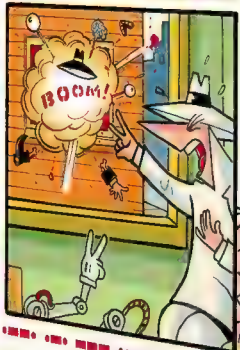
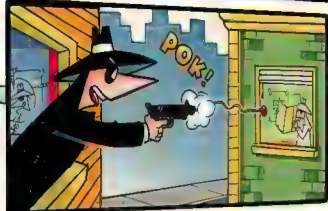
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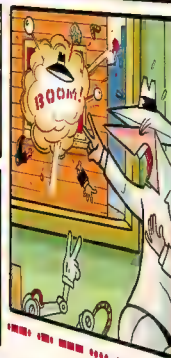
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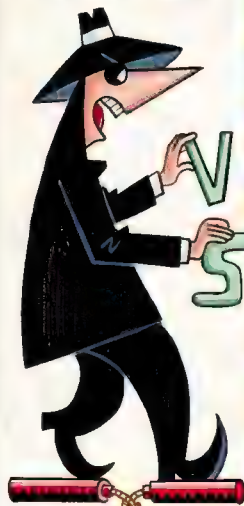




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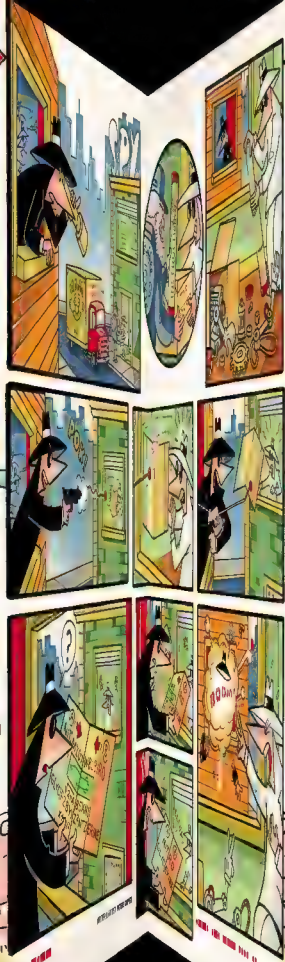
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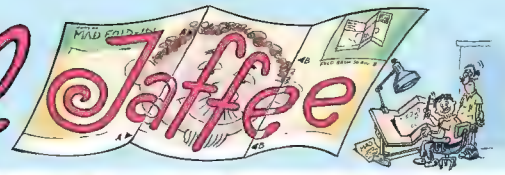
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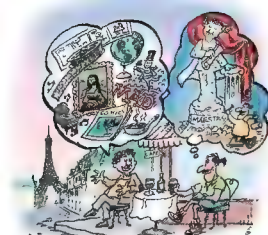
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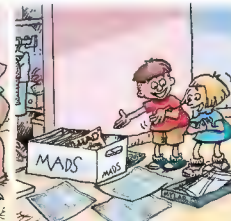
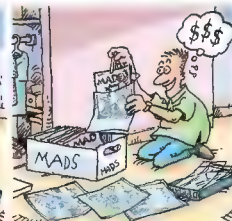
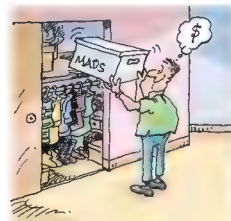
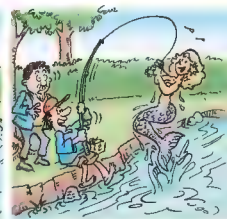
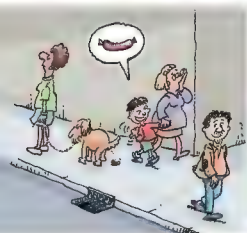
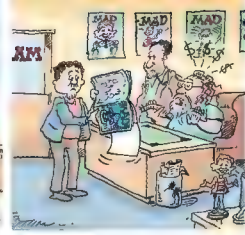
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TWO NEW PAGES CREATED BY SLRGO  
IN MEMORY OF HIS DEAR FRIEND A. JAFFEE







# "HE WHO LAUGHS, LASTS"

If laughter be an aid to health,  
Then logic of the strongest  
Impels us to the cheerful thought  
that he who laughs lasts longest.

—W.E. Nesom, "Perverved Proverbs"

Written in 1917, this excerpt is supposedly the first instance of the playfully modified adage, "He who laughs, lasts." Penned four years before Al Jaffee was born in 1921, it perfectly sums up to me his impish outlook and amazingly long-lived life in a nutshell. And Al lived an entire orchardful of trees covered with a lot of nutty shells!

When I was hired to art direct MAD Magazine in 2018, I had to pinch myself hard... really hard! Not only was this the dream job of all dream jobs, but the thought of working with some of the tenured "Usual Gang of Idiots," most of whom were the sole reason that I even went into a creative career, was unnerving to say at the least. So, imagine the huge bruises I gave myself realizing one of my assignments would be to art direct the one and only Al Jaffee. He was the master of all things I knew and loved about MAD! How could I possibly give the Al Jaffee any sort of direction on a Fold-In...he'd been making these masterpieces of MADness since before I was born!

After I stopped pinching and got up the guts to make the call to discuss the latest Fold-In sketches it was such a joy, even long distance, to meet and talk with Al. His baritone voice was so warm and inviting that immediately all anxiety was lifted. You could literally hear the twinkle in his eye! I got the sense he was genuinely open to my suggestions and appreciated the direction. And hearing his booming laugh after one of his snappy answers, was the cherry on top of it all.

Later that year, while out at New York Comic Con, I was lucky enough to get to meet Al in person and spend an afternoon with him at his studio. That day is of my most cherished moments, not only in my MAD history, but my life's history. Al Jaffee was one of a kind, and I'm truly honored and humbled to have been able to work with him. They broke the mold when they made you, Al, and I'm certainly thankful you helped mold me into who I am today.

—Suzy Hutchinson  
MAD Art Director



PHOTO: JASON LEVINE



Here's Al in his studio giving snappy answers to my stupid questions about the Fold-In he created for the annual MAD 20 Dumbest in MAD #5, Feb 2019.



ARTIST  
TOM RICHMOND

## HERE'S TO YOU, MR. JAFFEE!

Your Innovative Ideas, wisecracking wittiness, and sharp responses to the repugnant have shaped the very fiber of this magazine, as shown by the multiple generations of Jaffee-Inspired cartoonists, humorists, comedians, and all sorts of silly, snappy satirists.

Thanks for making us look Idiotic—and making readers look twice—all these years. MAD wouldn't be MAD without you. The world is a much funnier place because of you.

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LIKE AL JAFFEE?

## HERE WE GO WITH A SPECIAL IN MEMORIAM **MAD FOLD-IN**

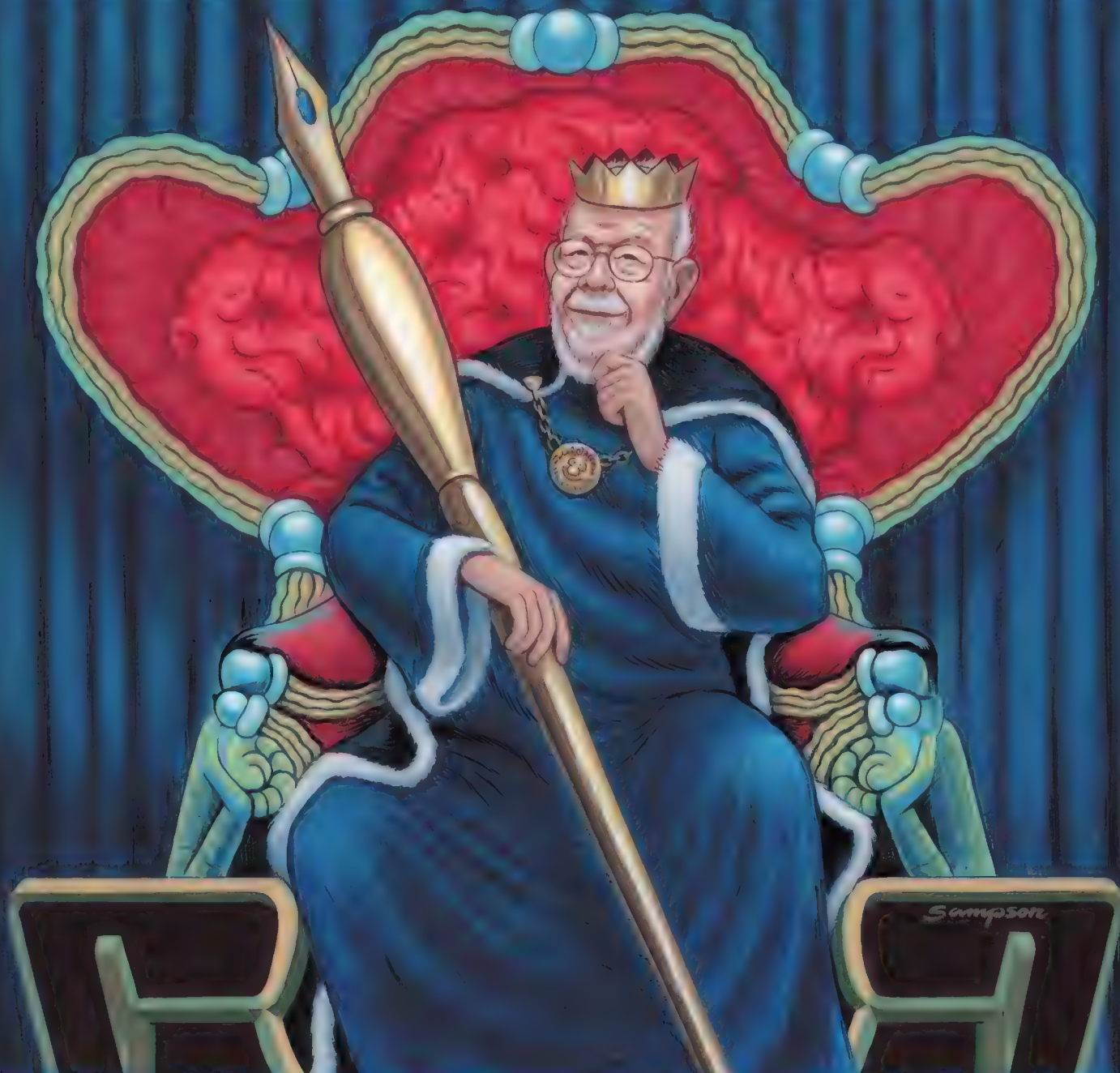
We at MAD are sad to say goodbye to our dear friend, Al Jaffee. His sense of humor was exquisite. His genius was extraordinary. His draftsmanship was exceptional. His achievements are unparalleled and will likely always be. His loss is a difficult one for many reasons—to see one of them, fold in as shown.

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MAD AND ITS FANS EVERYWHERE MOURN THE LOSS OF THE KING OF CARTOONISTS, AL JAFFEE. HIS BRILLIANT HUMOR WAS A FORMATIVE INFLUENCE ON YOUNG MINDS FOR DECADES, YIELDING GENERATIONS OF INCURABLE SMART-ALECS. ONE THING ABOUT LOSSES SUCH AS HIS: WE CAN TAKE COMFORT IN REMEMBERING HIM AND THE WONDERFUL WORK HE LEFT BEHIND. THANK YOU, AL.

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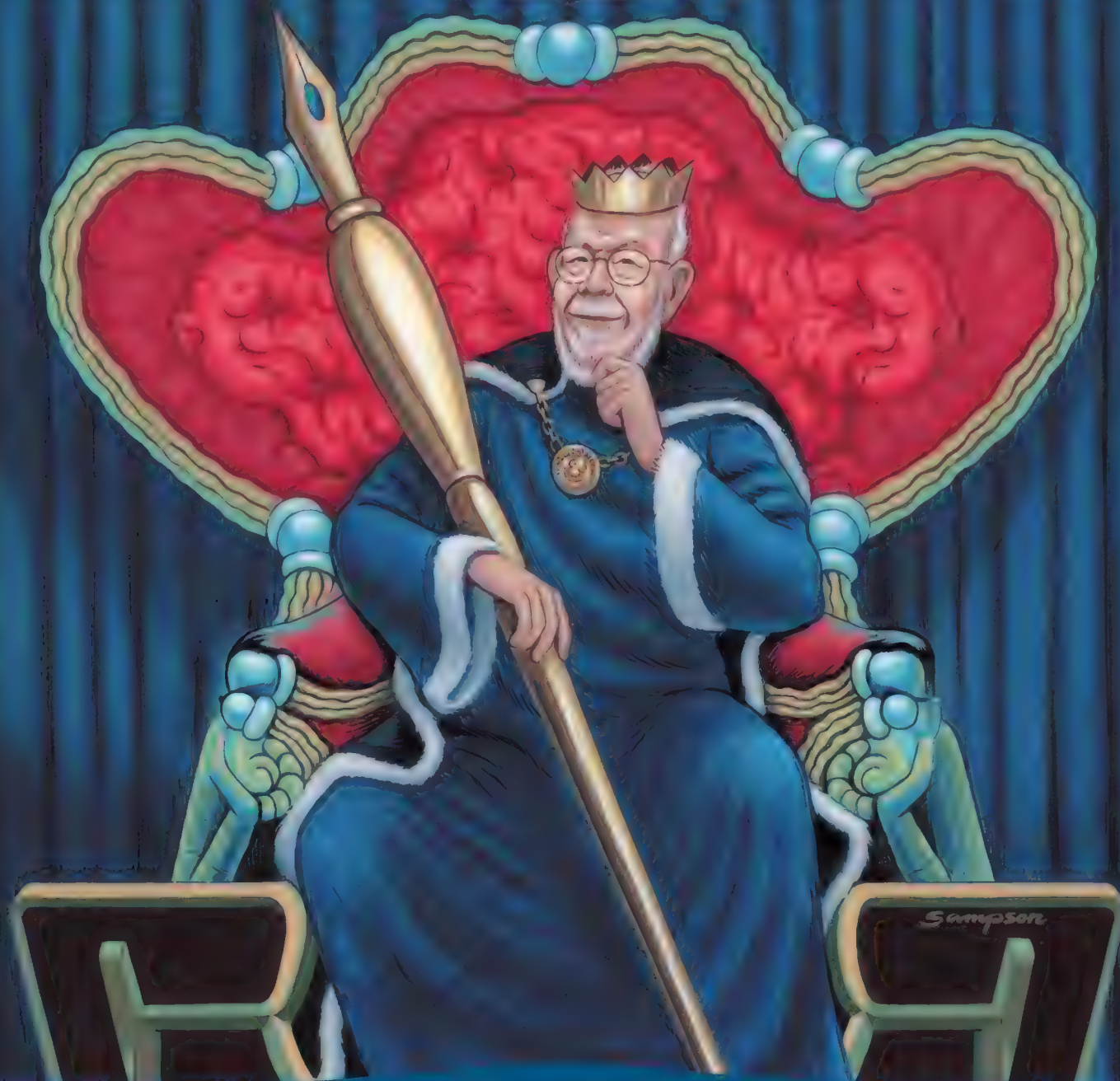


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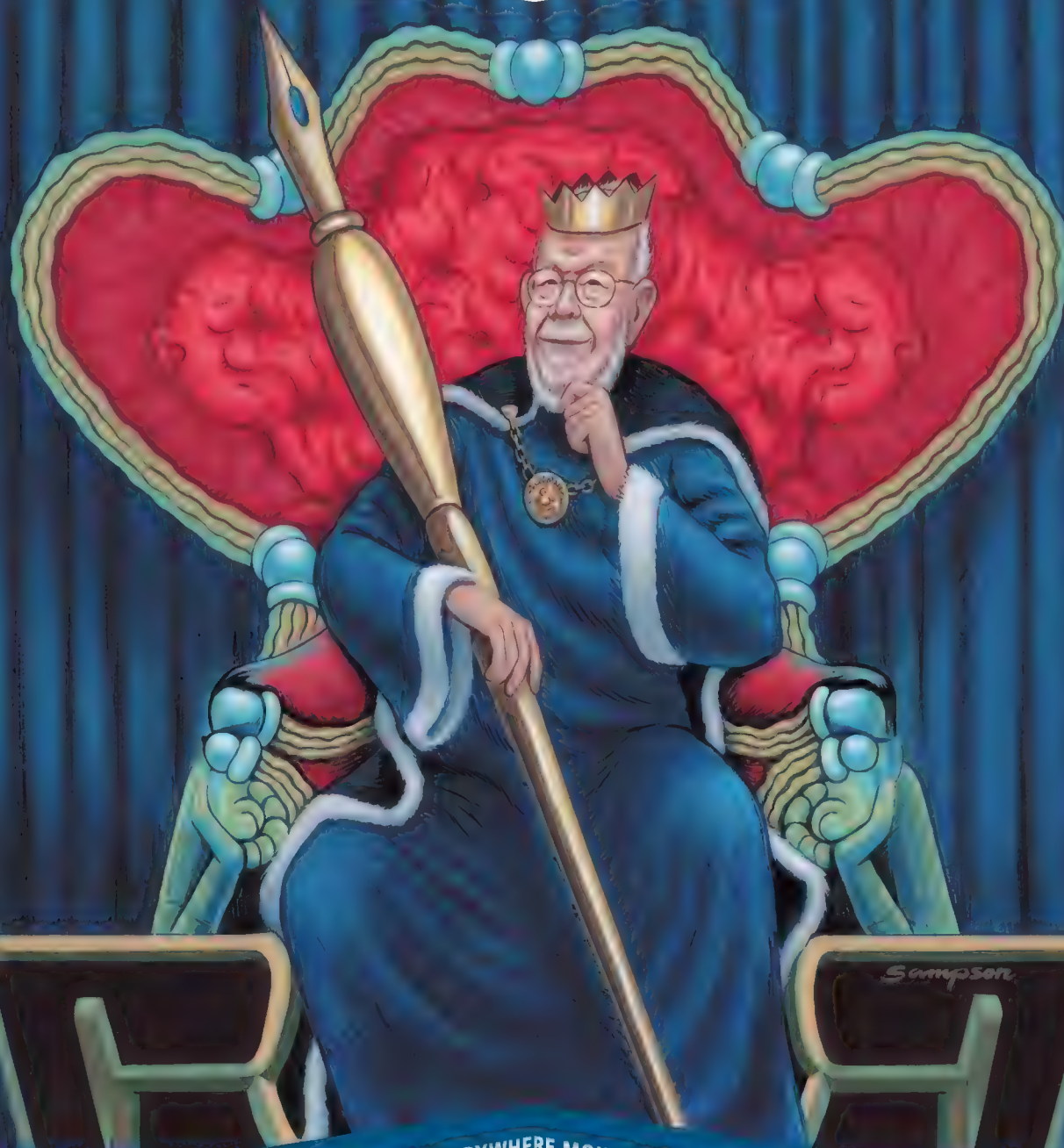


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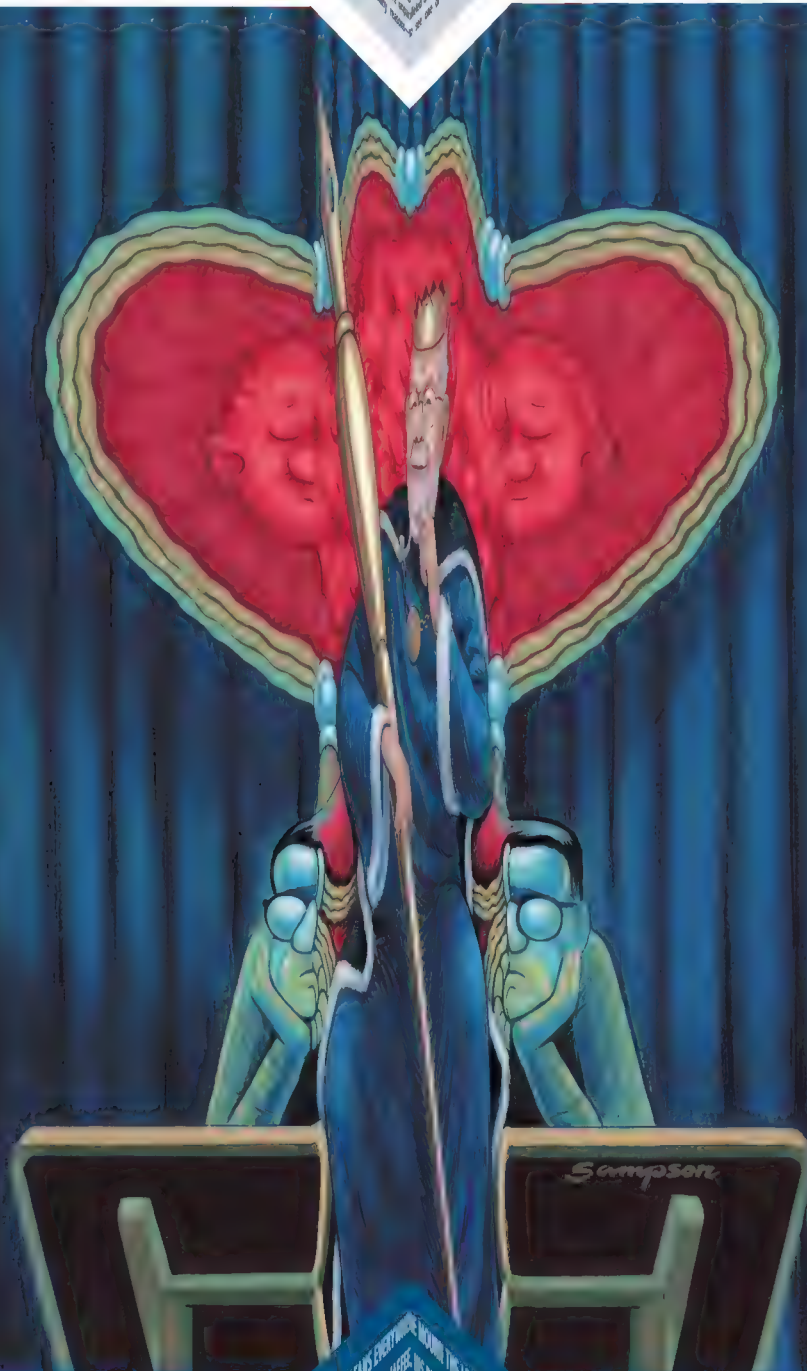
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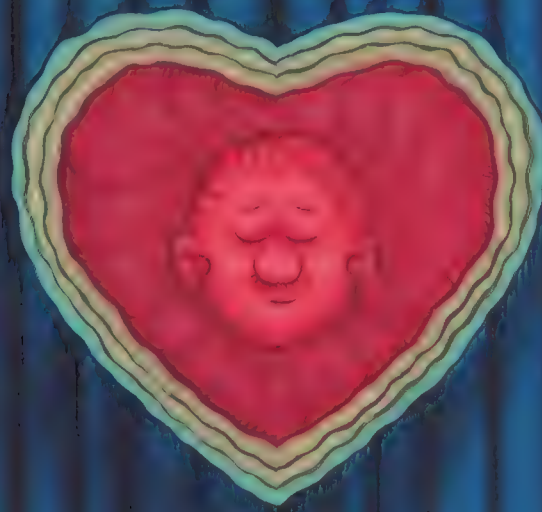
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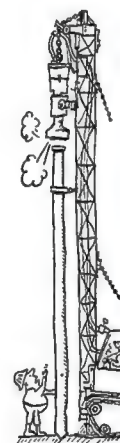
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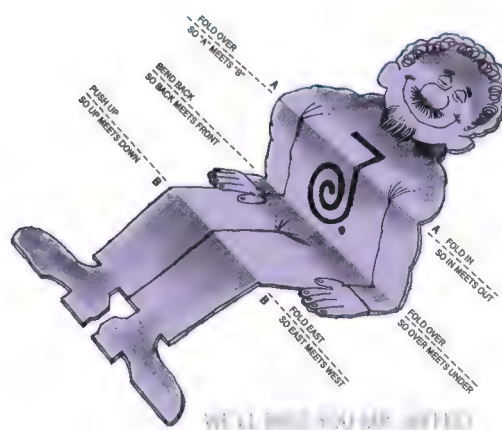
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## BONUS MATERIAL!

Hope that your Dramamine has kicked in as we zoom backwards though time to March 1963 for "A MAD Look at Travel," from the pages of MAD #77.



Travel isn't the only luxury as foretold by insightful Al Jaffee with the Fold-in from MAD #172, January 1975. You thought airport food was expensive!







Today, we are a nation of travelers. Whether for business, or for pleasure — on the land, the sea, the air, or the lam — Americans are constantly on the go, and it's high time we paid editorial heed to this phenomenal epidemic of wanderlust. So here are some of our observations, comments, and bad jokes—in

# A MAD LOOK AT TRAVEL

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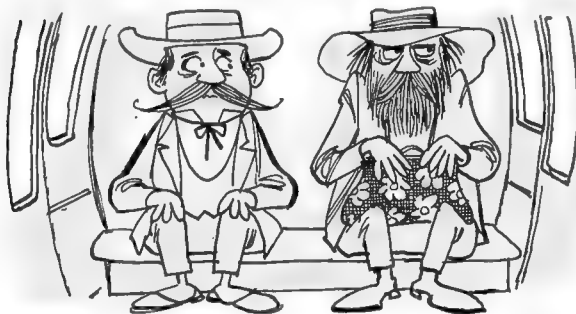
There was a time when travel in America was a risky business, and it took an "adventurous spirit" to brave the dangers involved in making a journey.



Today, of course, all that is changed—and traveling is safe and serene . . .



In the old days, you never knew who your traveling companions might turn out to be. You ran the risk of spending a long trip cooped up in a stagecoach with assorted undesirables—maybe murderers, even!



Today, of course, things are different. You have no such fears . . .



Years ago, travelers had to take elaborate precautions to protect their funds against thieves, bandits, etc.



However, modern travelers never carry more than \$50 in cash—and thus they foil potential thieves and bandits.





## STATIONS AND TERMINALS

In the old days, you had to stand in long lines at rail, bus, and air terminals, only to find out that you couldn't get the reservations you wanted.



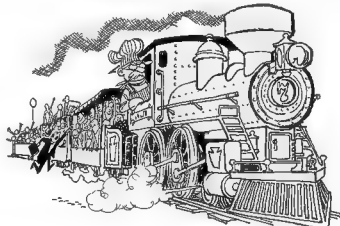
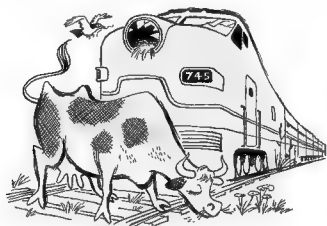
Today . . . rail, air, and bus ticket and reservation systems are marvels of efficiency. Through the miracle of electronics, you find out *instantly* that you can't have the reservation you want.



## RAIL TRAVEL

The nation's railroads are in financial trouble. People just don't seem to be riding trains anymore. However, one of the most popular rides at amusement parks like Disney-

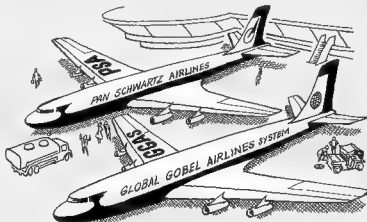
land are the "antique train" rides. The answer, then, is simple: Bring back them antique trains, get rid of the streamliners, and folks will flock to the ticket windows.



## AIR TRAVEL

The traveler interested in flying is often confused by the wide variety of airline ads, all pushing their own supposedly superior aircraft and flight routes.

The fact is that all the competing airlines buy their planes from the same aircraft manufacturers, so the only difference between them is likely to be the color of the seat upholstery.

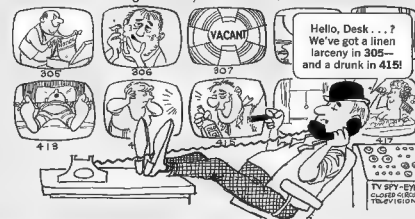


## HOTELS

Hotels have changed a good deal over the years, too. They used to be mostly dingy, dusty places containing potted palms and lurking house detectives on the lookout for inappropriate behavior.



But all that has changed in today's ultra-modern, efficient hosteleries . . .

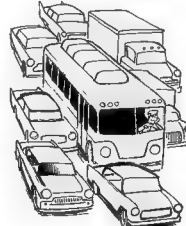
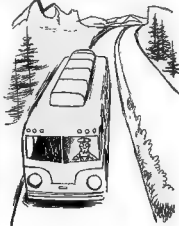
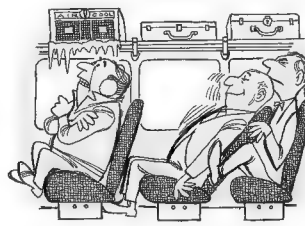


## BUS TRAVEL

Bus travel is a good deal less rigorous than it used to be, now that buses have such modern refinements as air-conditioning and adjustable reclining seats.

In the ads, the bus is always pictured zooming along a wide scenic highway . . . like this:

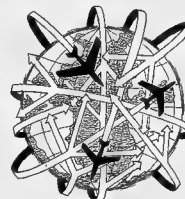
But anyone who has attempted travel by car knows the scene is more apt to resemble this:



Another interesting thing about airline ads are the drawings which show the routes the airline flies.

Put all these routes onto ONE globe, and it'll seem amazing that we don't have DAILY mid-air collisions!

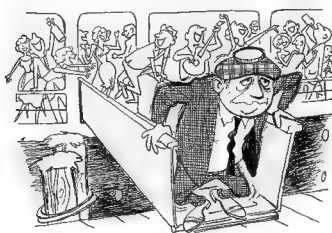
If you're traveling by air, make sure you don't exceed the allowable baggage weight, or you will have to pay an additional fee. Some people try to get around this by wearing all their suits, shirts and socks onto the plane, but this procedure is not recommended by us . . . especially if you're traveling during the warmer months.





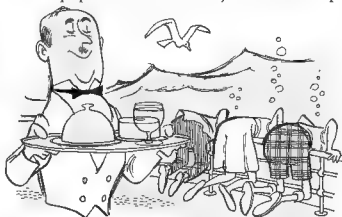
## OCEAN TRAVEL

For those with time, there's nothing like an ocean voyage. But if you were to take advantage of all the festivities the average ocean liner offers, you'd arrive at your last port more in need of a hospital stay than a vacation.

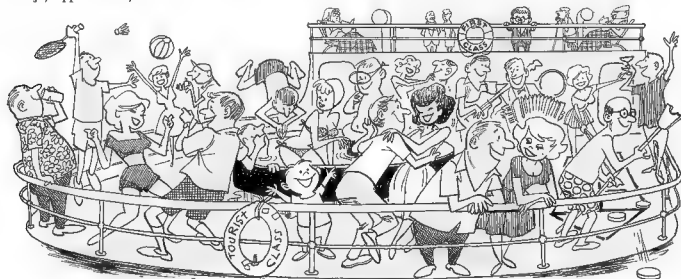


First-Class and Tourist-Class passengers on ocean liners enjoy approximately the same recreational facilities . . .

When you buy a ticket for a sea voyage, the cost of your meals is included in the price of the passage. Shipping companies have to do it this way to make money, because if meals were to be billed separately, there'd be quite a few people who wouldn't owe very much after the trip.



like swimming, dancing, deck sports, cocktails, parties, etc. The main difference is in numbers . . . and enthusiasm.



Personal service is the by-word on an ocean liner. Staff members make each passenger feel like an honored guest...



In fact, as each passenger disembarks at the end of the voyage, they confer upon him "The Order of the Palm" . . .

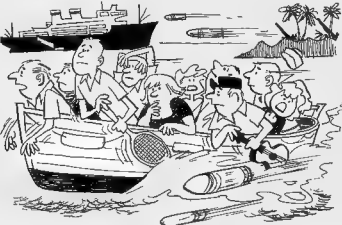


## CRUISES

Luxury cruises to Caribbean and South American ports are popular with vacationers, especially in the Winter months.



However, the political atmosphere being what it is in that area, sudden changes in itinerary are sometimes necessary.



## CUSTOMS INSPECTION

World travelers are often carried away by shopping bargains found abroad, and upon returning to face Custom Inspectors, may try to avoid paying duty on the items they've purchased. However, these amateur smugglers rarely get by, because sharp-eyed Customs Men are quick to spot any hidden contraband . . .

## U.S. CUSTOMS



## HOW CUSTOMS MEN SPOT HIDDEN CONTRABAND

Some of the Tell-Tale Give-Aways They Look For

### GUILTY LOOKS



### UNEXPECTEDLY HEAVY ITEMS



### Bulging cheeks



### BIZARRE OR INAPPROPRIATE ARTICLES OF APPAREL

#### Strange Gloves or Mittens



#### Strange Trouser Cuffs



### ANATOMICAL ODDITIES

#### Bulging Bustles



#### Bulging Bulgies





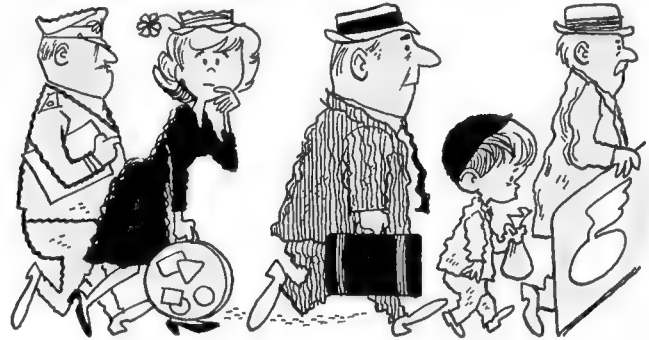
# SOME HELPFUL TRAVEL HINTS

## WHAT TO WEAR

Modern travelers need never worry about laundry problems thanks to the new Wash-and-Wear clothing. Just rinse 'em out, let 'em dry, and put 'em on (the manufacturers say!)



What the manufacturers don't say is: You'll look terrible in them! But since all your fellow travelers will be wearing the miserable stuff, too, you won't be too conspicuous.



## WHAT TO CARRY

A woman traveling alone is wise to carry a big hatpin because the men she meets may not all be gentlemen!

That is, if her hat should blow off, there's not much chance a man'll run after it — so she better be sure it's pinned on real tight!



## WHAT TO TIP

Many travelers are always wondering whether they've left a big enough "tip." In most cases, bellhops, waiters, cab drivers and so forth have subtle little ways of letting a customer know if the tip is a bit less than they expected.



# LOOKING AHEAD IN TRAVEL

It is exciting to contemplate what modern technology may soon make available for the traveling public. For example, a passenger missile capable of leaving its launching pad in New York and setting down in Paris 20 minutes later. And even more exciting is the prospect of travel to the moon . . . or maybe to other planets for your vacation . . .

Although the idea of two weeks on Mars may seem exotic to the modern earthbound traveler, we're sure that once he arrives, he'll find some things are truly universal!





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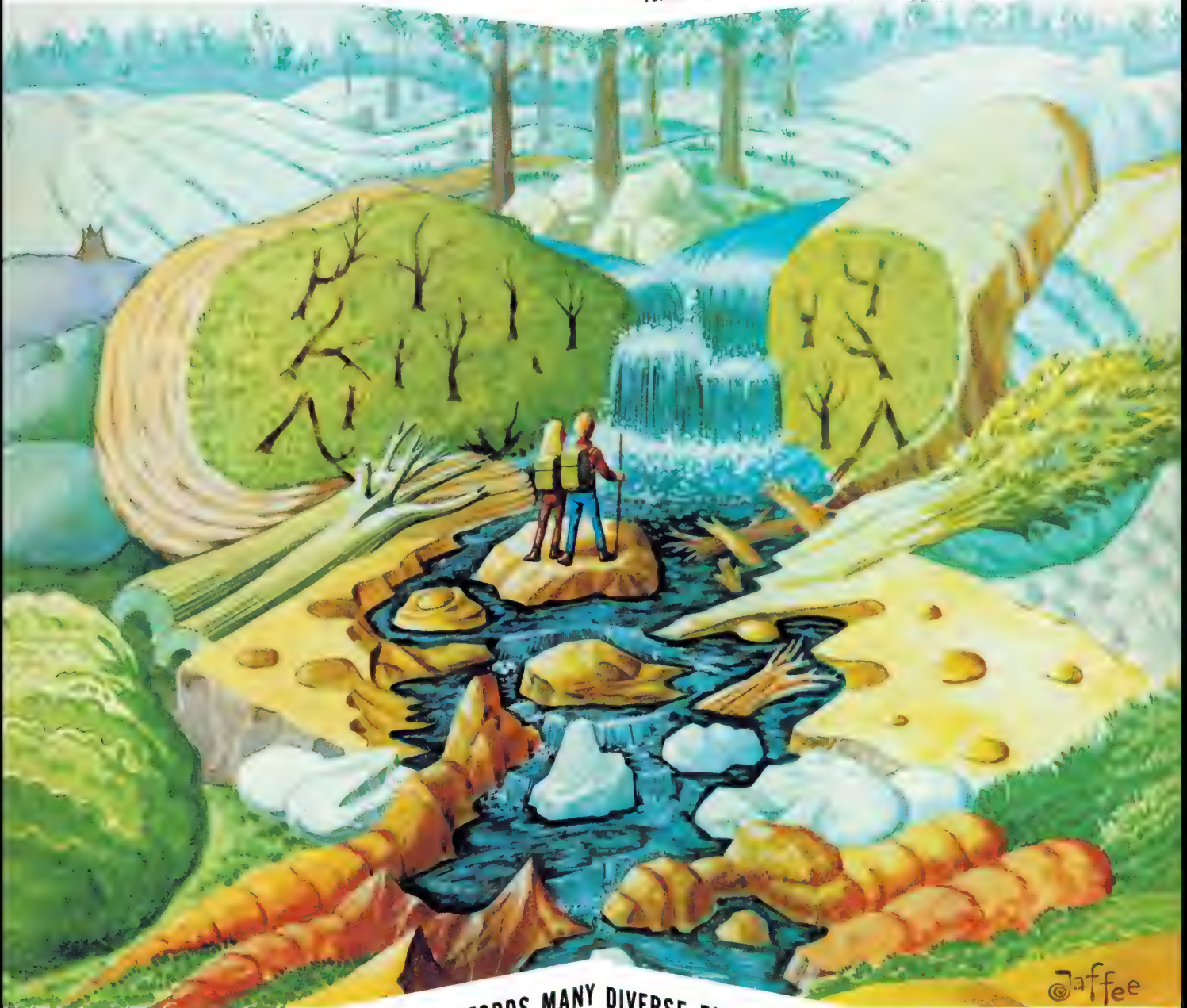
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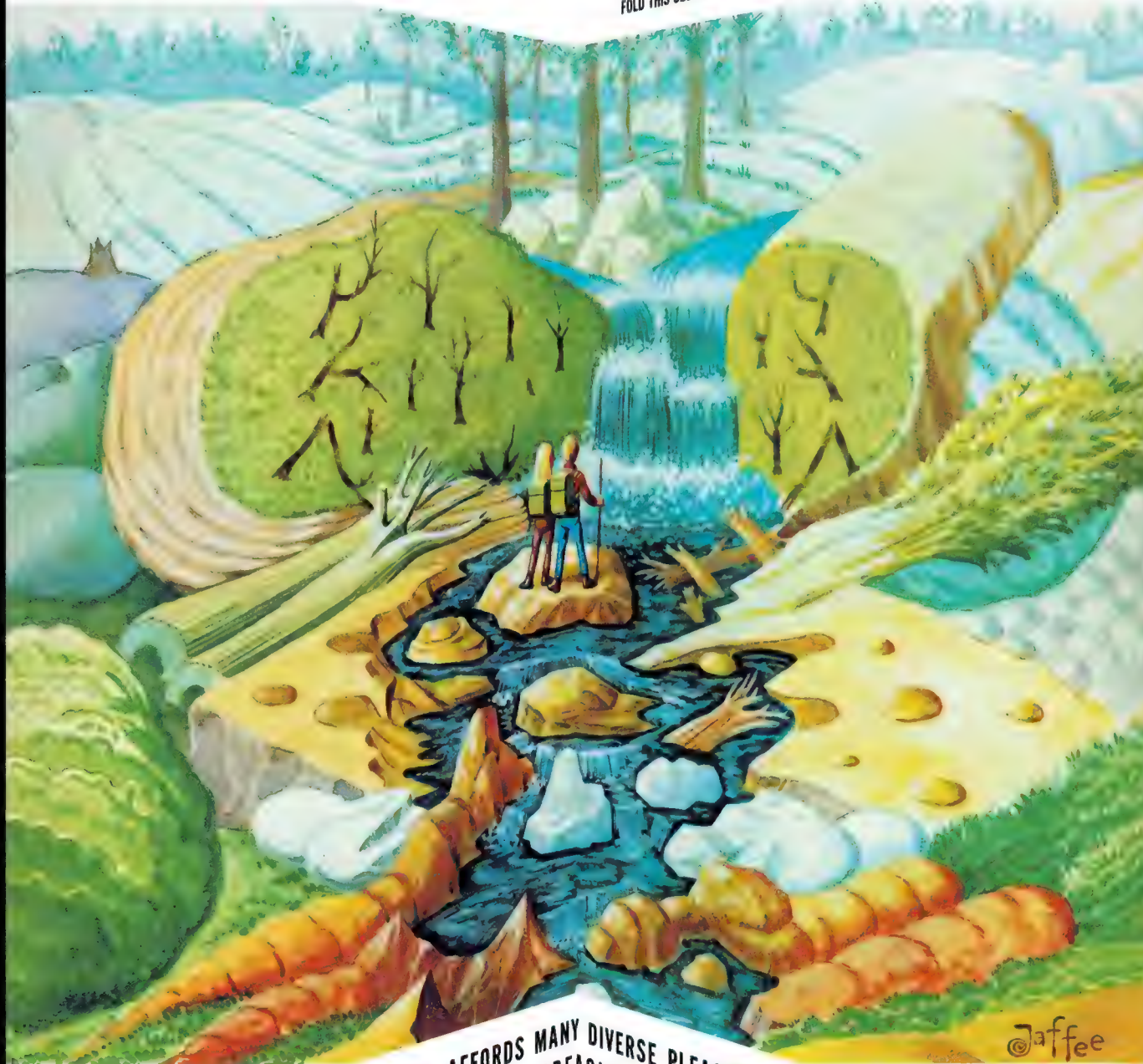


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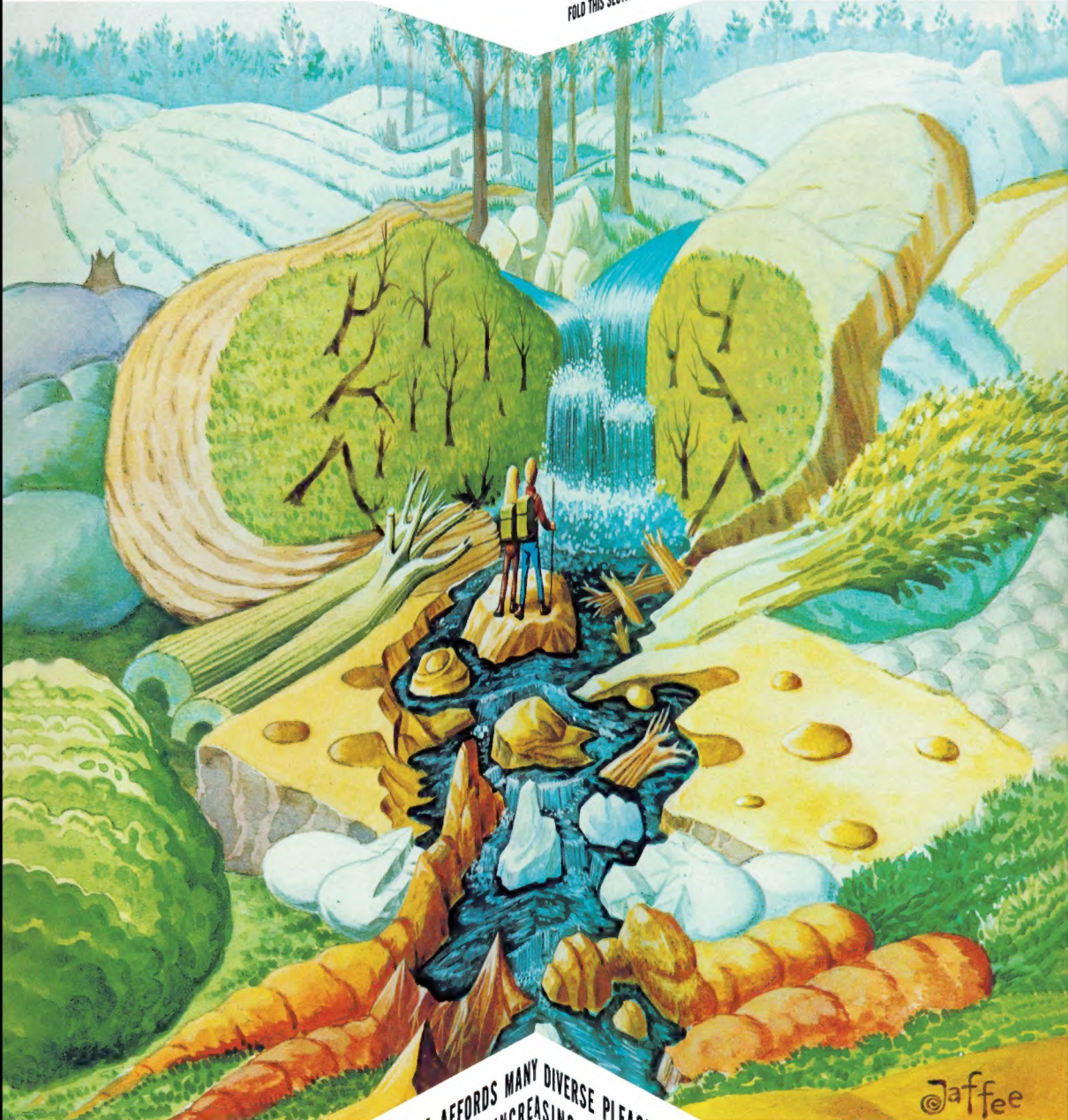
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